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World-wide advertising for coach

BY LOU GAUTIER

THE Australian Soccer Federation executive last weekend voted to advertise world-wide for the position of Australian national coach.

ASF chairman Ian Brusasco announced the post would be advertised next month.

Frank Arok, whose contract with the ASF expires in July, will have to apply like everyone else if he is still interested in the job.

It is not known whether National Director of Coaching Eddie Thomson, who has expressed interest in holding the position of national coach concurrently with his present post, will also apply.

The ASF took several other decisions in Sydney over the weekend where the five commissioners met on Friday and the executive on Saturday.

They include:

• A five-match tour of Europe by the under 23 Olympic team in September to prepare for next year's qualifying rounds of the Barcelona Olympics.

Selection of the squad is expected to be made in March.

The tour will be funded by the Australian Olympic Federation and the Australian Sports Commission — a first for Australian soccer.

• Agreement to stage the 1993 Youth World Cup for under 20s in Australia.

Australia was to organise the 1995 series but FIFA took the 1991 tournament away from Nigeria and Portugal, originally selected as the 1993 site, stepped into the breach.

• A two-match tour of Australia by the Welsh national team in May this year.

Approval, however, is subject to Wales bringing its world-class players — Neville Southall, Mark Hughes and Ian Rush — to Australia.

• And last, but not least, the ASF voted to implement a development fee which will bring in an estimated $400,000.

The money, raised from levying players and referees at every level Australia-wide, will be used solely for the funding of Australia's four national

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Close, but no cigar ... Torpedo Moscow's classy goalkeeper, Valeri Sarichev, the man of the match last Friday, denies Australia's Abbas Saad. Torpedo beat the rusty Socceroos 2-0 at the Sydney Football Stadium — HECTOR CARRASCO photo.

Exciting new competition starts Saturday

THE SBS TV Multicultural Australian Championship supported by Aerolineas Argentinas will kick off next Saturday on the Australia Day weekend at St George Stadium.

Eight Sydney communities will participate in the SBS Cup, featuring many of the leading players outside of the leading NSL stars.

The competitors in the Aerolineas Argentinas-supported championships, which will be played every Saturday from January 27 till the final on February 24 are Greece, Cyprus, Portugal, Argentina, Uruguay, Sydney Macedonia, Italy and Turkey.

Four matches will be staged, the first kicking off at 2.30pm, the last match starting at 8.30pm — four games for $5 admission for adults and $2 pensioners and children under 16.

A feature of the SBS Cup will be an international food fair behind the main grandstand, with food of the various competing nations.

The draw for Saturday's first round is:
Sydney Macedonia v Greece 2.30pm
Turkey v Uruguay 4.30pm
Portugal v Argentina 6.30pm
Italy v Cyprus 8.30pm

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Sacking puzzles "Hendo"

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

FOR the first time since coming to this country 13 years ago, former Socceroo and Marconi captain Tony Henderson must be wondering if a long and celebrated career is finally coming to an end.

After nearly 300 NSL appearances, first with Canberra City then at Bossley Park — and no less than 51 matches in the green and gold, "Hendo" decided to call it a day following that classic 1988 grand final at Parramatta Stadium when he gave Marconi its first championship since 1979 with a dramatic match-winning penalty in the deadlock-breaking shootout.

No-one had worked harder for that success, nobody was more deserving of it.

Being part of the club's first-ever title-winning side in his debut season at Bossley Park, then clinching it again with his very last kick in National League football was little less than a story straight out of a comic book.

But Henderson could not bring himself to get out of soccer completely.

He accepted an offer to take up a player-coach position with newly promoted State League club Avala last season, guiding them into the top four at his first attempt.

"That was the highest position the club has ever reached," Henderson said last week, "and I was looking forward to giving QNSL promotion a real shake this year but just before Christmas I got a phone call right out of the blue to advise me that my services were no longer required."

TONY HENDERSON — hero of Marconi's 1988 grand final triumph.

The big central defender still cannot work out what went wrong.

"One day I was being asked to recommend what positions needed strenghtening for a serious title challenge and the next I was told that I was being replaced. I've seen some strange things in football over the years but this just about tops the lot," he said.

Under Henderson, the ambitious Avala was edged out of making the big league by a powerful Melita Eagles after former Apia coach Mike Urukalo had brought them into State League the previous year.

"To be quite honest, we were not yet ready for the NSL then," Henderson admitted, "but this time it's an entirely different proposition.

"With Melita already promoted, any one of a number of clubs can win it and with last year's experience under their belts Avala has as good a chance as any. I was really looking forward to the challenge but in their wisdom, the committee decided on bringing back Urukalo.

"Good luck to him, for the sake of a great bunch of lads I hope he can do it."

Having just had his 36th birthday a few days ago, the former "Captain Socceroo" does not think that his playing days are over.

"Far from it," he stressed, "as a matter of fact I wouldn't mind concentrating on simply playing this year.

"I can always return to coaching sometime in the future. I'm on a special diet which will quickly help me shed a few kilos and by the time the league kicks off in April, I'll be more than ready for it," he promised.

At this stage, Henderson is not yet certain where, or indeed if, he'll be playing this year.

"I've only just come back from holidays and have not had time to give it much thought", he confessed.

"I want to concentrate on getting myself fit and be fully prepared if something turns up.

"This is a strange experience for me as I can't even remember the last time that I had no firm plans so close to a new season. I'll just wait and see what happens."

As he proved so conclusively with Avala last year, Henderson still has much to offer on the field and has the backing of his vast experience as he continues to develop a new career in coaching.

Although there's a lot of uncertainty as to where his soccer future lies, you can rest assured that we have not seen the last of big 'Hendo' just yet.

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Fleming will coach Ilinden

BY ANTE GRABOVAC

FORMER Wollongong City coach, John Fleming has reappeared in a coaching position, taking the helm at NSW State League club Rockdale Ilinden.

Fleming, who resigned as Wollongong's coach after not parting on amicable terms with the committee, has taken the position to try and revive the struggling State League club.

Ilinden are hoping that Fleming's outstanding record will bring the club dividends in their quest for National League status.

After winning the State League in 1987 with Wollongong, he reinstated the club into the National League for the 1988 season.

He then guided a club which was tipped by many for relegation to the 1988 minor premiership with a playing list of relative unknowns.

It must be said that Harry Michaels also aided the club by bringing out guest players such as Alan Brazil to boost the side.

Unfortunately, the Wolves could not go on with the job as they failed in both semi-final appearances to Sydney Croatia and Marconi respectively.

By the way, who could forget the classic grand final that Marconi and Croatia eventually played out?

In 1989, the Wolves finished a respectable ninth after staring at relegation early in the season, although this was disappointing after virtually the same side had won the minor premiership a year earlier.

Now that the Macedonian-backed Ilinden club have gained his services, they are hoping to improve their relatively poor record in recent years.

Throughout the 80s, Rockdale's best three achievements were winning the Second Division championship in 1983, winning the grand final in 1984 and bringing to Australia Macedonian ace Zlatko Nastevski, who eventually landed at Marconi.

Rockdale had previously been negotiating with former Preston and current Vardar Skopje coach, Andon Doncevski, but unfortunately for the club, Doncevski will still be committed to Vardar and thus could not return to Australia to coach the club.

Former Wollongong City goalkeeper Warwick Young has also joined the club and will be a worthy addition to a skillful and yet uncompromising team looking for better luck in the 90s and hopefully National League status.

CANBERRA NEEDS AN NSL TEAM

IF ever the position of soccer in the national capital of Canberra could be seen — or not seen — it was in the current issue of the widely circulated Canberra Visitor newspaper.

Under the heading of "Spectator Sports" were listed the ACT Australian Football League (Australian rules), Canberra Cannons (basketball), and Canberra Raiders (rugby league).

Not a mention of senior soccer, no doubt because it is not represented in national competition.

Whilst the former Canberra City NSL club led a checkered existence, it was overcoming its debt problems when the NSL set up a relegation system for 1986 that saw Canberra drop by the wayside.

It was argued at the time that clubs got treated on their ability, but in the background was a scarcely concealed but erroneous wish to largely confine the NSL to Melbourne and Sydney.

The Australian Soccer Federation now has to face a decision whether there are funds and a ground available to get Canberra back on its feet.

This could be as part of a restructured NSL, which also must include Newcastle and Brisbane.

If Canberra cannot be resurrected immediately, then the soccer leaders of the ACT must be invited to get their act together for a future submission, drawing support from all sections of the ACT community.

This must surely be one of the vital elements of the ASF's current management study.

— PHIL MARTIN

Robbie Dunn's in Hong Kong

BY RICHARD KREIDER

FORMER Socceroo stalwart Robbie Dunn will play in the Hong Kong professional league this year.

He will turn out for South China FC, Hong Kong's oldest and best credentialled club, who toured Australia in the pre-World War II days.

The opportunity for Dunn to join South China FC came when he was recently up there representing Australia in an international 7-a-side tournament.

South China are the current league leaders as they near the half-way point of their season, four points clear of nearest rivals Lai Sun whom Dunn played in his opening game on January 21.

Dunn admitted the money offered proved too much of a dangling carrot, but he is expected to return to Perth Italia who have only placed him on loan for the four-month stint away.

Dunn will team up with ex-Glasgow Rangers striker John Spencer.

20,000 expected for Perth match

SUNDAY'S WA-Torpedo clash will be played at the WACA, not Perry Lakes Stadium.

Western Super Soccer League chief executive Nick Geronimos has advised that over 4000 tickets have already been pre-sold.

He is anticipating a 20,000 attendance on the day, with under 16s being given free entry.

The clash is not surprisingly collecting a fair amount of interest. Singer and soccer addict Elton John has been given the opportunity to kick-off the match. However, his presence at the WACA ground will only last up until half-time as he has a concert to perform that same night. Kick off is at 7pm.

— RICHARD KREIDER

Changes likely after double-round

BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

THE Australia Day weekend marks the half-way point of the Quit National Soccer League's inaugural summer season and the double-round will be a real test for clubs involved in top five and relegation battles.

Melbourne Croatia face by far the toughest task of the front-runners, away to leaders Apia on Friday and backing up to play the in-form Preston at Connor Reserve on Monday, the official Australia Day holiday in Victoria.

The clash at Lambert Park should be a cracker with Melbourne Croatia and Apia netting 15 goals between them in their last two mathces.

Melbourne Croatia is almost back to full strength but coach Ivan Razjnevic is playing his cards close to his chest with regards to the expect line-ups for the weekend.

John Markovski is back but must pass a fitness test, while Francis Awaritefe returns from suspension to partner Zeljko Adzic who made a welcome return with a brace of goals against Adelaide City.

Razjnevic expects a tough encounter with the new leaders and accepts that Melbourne Croatia will go into the game as underdogs.

Preston will also prove a hard nut to crack in the Melbourne derby on Monday.

Preston's Steve Smith celebrates his goal against Blacktown last Friday, much to the dismay of goalkeeper Bill Londos. Can he strike again in Round 13 and 14? — HECTOR CARRASCO pic.

With three wins on the trot, Preston have forced their way into the top five despite suffering from a spate of injuries in recent weeks.

Derby

Ian Roodhouse and George Slifkas returned against Blacktown but star striker Warren Spink could be out for a while.

Although Melbourne Croatia looks to have the fire power, Preston remain unbeaten at home this season and a draw looks the most likely result in what should be a real crowd-pleaser.

Preston too face a difficult weekend as they take on champions Marconi on Friday, also at home.

Marconi are still not in groove and their chances at Preston will depend on their sick list.

Fred de Jong will be on national duty for the New Zealand side in the King's Cup and with Zlatko Nastevski still under a cloud Marconi could be struggling up front.

Once again, this match will be tight, Marconi have been reasonably successful at Preston in the past and this season have lost only once away from home.

Crowd

The crowds should flock to St George Stadium on Sunday when old rivals Sydney Olympic and Marconi do battle in a match vital to both sides.

Marconi must keep in touch with leaders Apia while Olympic needs both points to stay in the top five.

While Marko Perinovic has been Olympic's best striker since Abbas Saad's relative decline, Scott Ollerenshaw is yet to deliver the goods and the side has scored only twice and have not won in their last four matches.

Missing from Olympic will be Robert Ironside, also in Thailand for the King's Cup, and coach Mick Hickman must come up with a formula to stop the rot or be overrun by the hot and cold Marconi.

First up Olympic should be too strong for Blacktown, also at St George Stadium on Friday, the Demons having lost their last three matches and conceded 10 goals in the process.

Zarko Odzakov remains their main hope to avoid relegation this season but Blacktown have never taken a point from Olympic away from home.

The Demons' problems should deepen as anything less than an Olympic win would be considered an upset.

Blacktown must take at least a point from fellow-strugglers St George on Sunday.

Gabbie

At the Gabbie Blacktown will start slight favourites but the Saints will be desperate for points to have any chance at the top five.

Frank Arok, the Saints' mastermind, will miss the services of clever midfielder Stephen Knight out suspended, but must be happy with the form of custodian John Filan who has saved the Saints in recent weeks and could be the difference at the Gabbie.

On Friday, St George face the daunting task of travelling to South Melbourne, who remain unbeaten at Middle Park this season.

Although Souths have not scored in their last two matches, Peter Tsolakis has been in outstanding form and with Paul Trimboli hopefully fully fit again and captain Angie Postecoglou back on deck, South Melbourne should take both points.

On Sunday, Souths must travel to Sydney where they would again be favoured to take the points against Sydney Croatia.

Despite a fine win at Wollongong last week Croatia still have their problems and it remains to be seen if new coach Tony Vrzina has found the right blend.

The overworked Graham Arnold is in great touch while David Seal is proving the best finisher for the Croatian club, but the Puskas-led South Melbourne may be too strong.

On Friday evening, Croatia face another tough hurdle against the much improved Melita at home.

Conceding no goals and without a loss in their last five outings, Melita should be narrow favourites to continue their run, with Sergio Falce reaching match fitness to partner in-form striker Greg Brown and the effervescent Lenny Vial.

For the return bout of the "Maltese derby", Melita travel to Sunshine George Cross determined to avenge the 2-0 loss in Round 1.

After a solid start Sunshine have fallen apart without a win in their last five matches, but they played exceptionally well to draw at Adelaide Hellas last weekend.

Suffering from the losses of Ossie Latif and Craig Foster, Sunshine must have Ernie Tapai slotting into the creator's role while goalscoring midfielder David Clarkson has added class to sustain Georgie's midfield with the absence of Foster.

Despite playing away from home, the improving Melita should take at least a point.

On Friday Sunshine play host to Wollongong in a match that will see the loser slip away from the top five. The Wolves' creative midfielder Zivko Hristovski made a welcome return last week and should be back in the groove while David Batten was sold to Sydney Croatia during the week.

Wollongong have won only once in their last seven matches and a draw is the more likely result here.

Double-header

A tougher task awaits the Wolves on Sunday when they travel to Hindmarsh to take on the high-flying Adelaide City in the second match of a double-header.

Adelaide City have not lost for four matches and despite a horrid injury list, should be too strong.

The long-awaited Adelaide derby kicks off tonight at Hindmarsh Stadium with City the favourites in what should be a typical tough encounter for both sides as Adelaide bragging rights are at stake.

Hellas, with the introduction of Richard Miranda and Billy Wright, may have found their lifeline and have picked up three points from their last two games.

APIA visit Hindmarsh on Sunday to play bottom side Hellas with the earlier kick-off of 6pm.

With Alex Bundalo in brilliant form and Rod Brown back from injury and already finding the target it may be a formality for the league leaders who have not lost since Round 2.

Points intact until appeal

LAST weekend's QNSL Round 12 results and the possibility of South Melbourne and Melbourne Croatia being stripped of two points if their appeals are dismissed, have wrought havoc in the standings.

As any sentence is held in abeyance until the outcome of an appeal is known, both clubs retain their full complement of points.

These mundane matters do not concern Apia who, would you believe, have streaked to a two-point lead over Marconi, the team they beat last Sunday.

South Melbourne remain in third place until their appeal has been decided, ditto for Melbourne Croatia's fifth place.

Sydney Olympic, despite their continuing slump, Adelaide City and the resurgent Preston will be the big beneficiaries should Souths and Croatia lose two points.

Melita Eagles' spectacular climb up the ladder continues. They now head a tight field with only two points separating eighth-placed Melita from third-last Sydney Croatia.

Blacktown's position deteriorates with each passing week.

They now share last place with Adelaide Hellas, but the latter are showing signs of improvement while the Demons are going from bad to worse.

Boosted by the big crowd at Marconi Stadium, total attendance last weekend was over the 25,000 mark and "summer" crowds are way above last season's.

— LOU GAUTIER

ASW man 'banned'

JOHN Economos, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY'S reporter at the Sydney Olympic v St George game last Sunday, was arbitrarily denied access to the Olympic dressing room to interview Mick Hickman after the match.

John Economos

When ASW's acting editor spoke last night to Sydney Olympic president Mr George Pashalis to seek a reason for the unprecendented ban, he pleaded ignorance.

He then contacted Mick Hickman, who also was unaware of the ban and upset over the incident.

The "official" who impeded ASW's man at the match did so on his own accord, without the sanction of Olympic's board of directors.

QUEENSLAND SOCCER FEDERATION

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The Queensland Soccer Federation wishes to appoint a Director of Coaching for the Rockhampton Region.

Applicants must possess at least ASF Level III accreditation.

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All applications would be considered for any other positions that may occur throughout the State.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Apia Leichhardt	12	7	4	1	19	8	18
Marconi	12	6	4	2	24	11	16
South Melbourne	12	6	3	3	17	9	15
Sydney Olympic	12	6	2	4	19	9	14
Melbourne Croatia	12	5	4	3	22	14	14
Adelaide City	12	5	4	3	16	14	14
Preston Makedonia	12	6	2	4	14	12	14
Melita Eagles	12	4	3	5	6	11	11
Wollongong City	12	4	3	5	12	18	11
St George	12	3	4	5	15	22	10
Sunshine GC	12	3	4	5	15	22	10
Sydney Croatia	12	4	1	7	16	21	9
Blacktown City	12	2	2	8	14	26	6
Adelaide Hellas	12	2	2	8	12	26	6

Results

MELBOURNE CROATIA 3 (Z. Adzic 2, J. Biskic) ADELAIDE CITY 3 (C. Veart, T. Vidmar, J. Mullen) at Somers Street Stadium. Crowd: 3441.
BLACKTOWN CITY 0 PRESTON MAKEDONIA 3 (R. Markovac, S. Smith, R. Momirovski) at Gabbie Stadium. Crowd: 1402.
MELITA EAGLES 1 (G. Brown) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0 at Melita Stadium. Crowd: 1891.
ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (R. Blair) SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 1 (J. Campell) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 3624.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 ST GEORGE 1 (T. Krslovic) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 4172.
MARCONI 1 (F. de Jong) APIA LEICHHARDT 2 (R. Brown, S. Clinch) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 8365.
WOLLONGONG CITY 1 (P. Brodnik) SYDNEY CROATIA 3 (D. Seal 2, M. Lamond) at Brandon Park. Crowd: 2344.

Crowds

ROUND 12: 25,239.
AVERAGE PER GAME: 3,606.
TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 261,203.
AVERAGE PER ROUND: 21,766.

Top Scorers

Zlatko Nastevski	(Marconi)	11
Rod Brown	(Apia)	9
Joe Caleta	(Melb Croatia)	6
Abbas Saad	(Sydney Olympic)	6
Greg Brown (Melita)		5
Tony Krslovic (St George)		5
Ossie Latif (Sunshine)		5
Steve Smith (Preston)		5
Paul Trimboli (South Melb)		5
Carl Veart (Ad City)		5

Team of the Week

T. Pezzano (Apia)
B. Hiern (Adelaide Hellas)
A. Dean (St George)
M. O'Shea (St George)
B. Halliday (Apia)
V. Kupresak (Syd Croatia)
T. McCulloch (Marconi)
E. Tapai (Sunshine)
S. Smith (Preston)
M. Soper (Melita)
D. Lowe (Marconi)

Player of the Week

Ernie Tapai (Sunshine)

George Jolevski faces Charlie Yankos in this tense one on one situation at Toongabbie last Friday when Preston trounced Blacktown 3-0 — Photo HECTOR CARRASCO.

Woeful Demons

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

A workmanlike Preston Makedonia continued its late charge into semi-final contention with a comfortable 3-0 defeat of Blacktown City at the Gabbie on Saturday night and stretched the Demons' nightmare run to just one point from their last eight outings in the process.

Newly-appointed coach Walter Tamandl gambled heavily by omitting experienced defender Paul Carter from his side and leaving new Socceroo striker Zlatko Arambasic on the bench until half-time but by then Preston had already cruised to a match-winning 2-0 lead through goals from Robert Markovac and Steve Smith.

Although the visitors were forced to go into the match without the services of injured Oscar Crino, Warren Spink and Martin Woodall, they never really needed to get out of second gear in order to put paid to any hopes the Demons may have had of getting their first win in nearly two months.

It took Preston just six minutes to hit the front from its very first meaningful attack. A determined George Jolevski charged through on the left and his floated cross to the far post eluded a hopelessly out of position defence to find Markovac completely unmarked.

He finished off with a clinical right foot drive.

For all their running and chasing in the midle of the park, the Demons could not make any real headway against a composed Preston who were quite content to stroke the ball around and wait for the right time to hit back.

Blacktown only managed to create one real opportunity before the break when young John Gibson skirted the byeline and squared the ball to Ralph Maier to hurry his shot wide of the target from five metres in the 34th minute.

Preston got full reward for their patience five minutes before the break with a second goal that for all intents and purposes killed off the game.

Jolevski played a long ball behind a square-looking Blacktown defence after dispossessing Zarko Odzakov on half way and with Londos forced to come outside his area to clear the danger, the ball cannoned off Smith, leaving the big striker with little trouble in finding an empty net for a decisive 2-0 half-time lead.

Blacktown replaced young rookie Stan Suman with Arambasic for the second period and for a quarter of an hour he single-handedly threathened to drag his side back into the match.

In a matter of a few minutes Arambasic should have pulled one back when he wriggled his way clear but blasted his final shot over the bar, then hit the post after beating Traianedes from outside the box seconds later.

From then on, and despite Odzakov's neat distribution, Preston simply closed up shop and waited for Blacktown to over-commit themselves.

Blacktown City		Preston	
Londos	5	Traianedes	6
Murphy	6	Runje	6
Yankos	6	Jolevski	7
Reynolds	6	Jackson	6
Northam	5	Piculovski	6
Longo	6	Temcev	5
(Jee 70m)		(Bekiaris 85m)	
Gibson	6	Petrov	6
Maier	6	Slifkas	6
Gunning	5	(Momirovski 77m)	
Odzakov	6	Smith	7
Suman	4	Markovac	6
(Arambasic 6)		Zinni	6

Scorers: Markovac 6m, Smith 40m, Momirovski 80m for Preston.
Yellow cards: Northam 34m, Gunning 80m for Blacktown; Smith 55m, Zinni 72m, Jolevski 80m, Markovac 85m for Preston.
Referee: J. Rossis 6.
Crowd: 1402.

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Shock 1-0 win to St George

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

LOWLY PLACED ST George struggled to a shock 1-0 win over highly fancied Sydney Olympic at St George Stadium in a controversial match last Sunday which saw a dubious goal scored and seven yellow and one red card issued right on fulltime.

St George's second half replacement, Stephen Knight, was sent off right on fulltime by referee Gary Power and will be charged with elbowing Sydney Olympic captain and sweeper Robbie Hooker in the face.

Craig McGregor, Mike O'Shea, Davie Barrett, Zoran Ilic, Robbie Hooker, Grant Lee and Craig Moffitt were all booked as tempers flared through sheer frustration as both sides tried to break the deadlock.

Hero of the match was teenage St George goalkeeper John Filan who denied Olympic at least three certain goals with excellent saves.

Saints' trio of central defenders, Allan Dean, Mike O'Shea and sweeper Andy Koczka, also starred for their side.

St George scored the winner 17 minutes from fulltime through Tony Krslovic.

Deep-lying striker Matthew Bingley pushed a throughball upfront to Krslovic who appeared in an off-side position when he scored.

Olympic defenders frantically raced to the sideline appealing to the linesman for the offence.

After a few seconds deliberation with his linesman, Power allowed the goal to stand.

Olympic only had themselves to blame as they hurried their shots at goal.

Striker Marko Perinovic could have scored twice.

Seconds before half-time he met a perfect cross from the right sent in by Grant Lee but a fully stretched Filan pulled off a world-class save.

In the 65nd minute, Perinovic again had a golden chance after meeting a nicely measured cross from the left by midfielder John Koch, but this time his pwerful point-blank header flashed straight into the grateful gloves of Filan.

Just three minutes before this, Olympic had another great opportunity as Filan could only partly block a Robbie Ironside shot.

With the loose ball rolling inside St George's box, Lee raced in to smash the ball into the empty net but Mike O'Shea cleared off the line.

St George		Sydney Olympic	
Filan	8	Gosling	7
Green	6	Barrett	5
Dean	7	Bernal	6
O'Shea	7	Hooker	6
Koczka	6	Georgakis	5
Harper	6	Lee	6
Moffitt	6	Ironside	6
McGregor	6	Phillips	6
Ilic	5	Koch	5
(Knight 71m, sent off)		(Refenes 78m)	
Bingley	5	Perinovic	6
Krslovic	7	Saad	5

Scorers: T. Krslovic 73m for St George.
Yellow cards: McGregor 20m, O'Shea 29m, Ilic 70m, Moffitt 88m for St George; Barrett 39m, Hooker 85m, Lee 88m for Sydney Olympic.
Red card: S. Knight 89m for St George.
Referee: G. Power 9.
Crowd: 4172.

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teams World Cup, Olympic, under 20 and under 17.

The levy will be imposed as from this year as a result of the impassioned plea by chairman Brusasco to all state and amateur bodies.

Describing the unanimous vote to support the levy on all registered players in Australia as the most far-reaching decision ever made by the ASF, chairman Brusasco said the levy would enable the national body to plan correctly for the future instead of the band-aid solutions forced upon the ASF in the past.

Apia wins thriller

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

Steve Smith, the scorer of Preston's second goal last Friday against Blacktown City, misses this time, courtesy of a brave Bill Londos dive — HECTOR CARRASCO photo.

IF anyone had seriously predicted that Apia Leichhardt would be leading the competition at the half-way mark of the QNSL after completely restructuring their team at the end of last season, they would have surely been declared insane, yet after their dramatic 2-1 defeat of NSL champions Marconi at Bossley Park on Sunday night Manfred Schaefer's team holds a two point lead and pride of place at the top of the ladder.

In a thrilling encounter which kept the 8365 fans glued to the edge of their seats until the final whistle, Apia managed to hang on and grab the points after an explosive start gave them a shock two-goal lead after just eight minutes.

Marconi did not know what hit them during that period but were stung into action and came back strongly in a match which gave those lucky enough to be in attendance full value for their money.

With only five minutes gone and nerves on both side clearly not yet settled, Rod Brown pushed a harmless looking ball to Brian Ellem who cleverly drew the entire Marconi defence towards him, allowing Brown to slip into the area and hammer home the return pass without a defender in sight.

Before the fans realised what was happening, Brown repeated the dose with another incisive run behind the Marconi defence and angled his low drive across the face of goal for an unmarked Shane Clinch to score from point-blank range and give Apia a totally unexpected 2-0 lead.

Instead of hitting the panic button, however, Marconi simply brushed this disastrous start aside and proceeded to turn on a display of sizzling football which had Apia stretched to the limit and forced goalkeeper Tony Pezzano to perform heroics for much of the remaining 80 minutes.

He combined with defender Bruce Halliday to first deny Peter Katholos, then Fred de Jong in quick succession in the 10th minute, and repeatedly saved his side when a series of ferocious Marconi raids created good opportunities for Senad Glavovic, David Lowe twice and Steve Calderan to get on the scoreboard.

But even Pezzano could not prevent a class goal created by Lowe in the 34th minute which set the match alight.

The little Marconi striker sent over a good far post cross to Ian Gray and although Pezzano managed to keep out his looping header, the ball fell perfectly for de Jong to measure his half-volley and slam high into the net.

Marconi were well and truly back into a pulsating match which was living up to all its high expectations.

For the remainder of the first period and much of the second Apia had to absorb tremendous pressure to retain their narrow lead.

McCulloch and Jean-Paul de Marigny went desperately close in a matter of five minutes after the break and Glavovic narrowly missed the target after McCulloch put him through in the 62nd minute.

Then substitutes Paul Okon and Vince Colagiuri combined to completely split the Apia defence 12 minutes from the end. Colagiuri was left with a golden opportunity to snatch a late and possibly deserved equaliser but hit his tame attempt straight into Pezzano's arms.

Marconi		APIA	
Catlin	6	Pezzano	8
van Egmond	6	Blagojevic	6
de Marigny	6	Jennings	6
Calderan	6	Stewart	6
Wheatley	6	Halliday	7
Gray	5	Clinch	6
McCulloch	7	Ellem	6
Glavovic	5	Murray	6
(Colagiuri 73m)		R. Brown	6
de Jong	7	(K. Okon 60m)	
Katholos	6	Bundalo	6
(P. Okon 50m)		van Blerk	6
Lowe	8	(M. Brown 72m)	

Scorer: R. Brown 5m, Clinch 8m for Apia; de Jong 34m for Marconi.

Yellow cards: Halliday 14m, Jennings 24m for Apia; de Jong 87m for Marconi.

Referee: C. Bambridge 8.

Crowd: 8365.

Sparkling 3-3 draw at Somers Street

BY GREG BLAKE

IN 90 frustrating minutes at Somers Street last Saturday, Adelaide City showed why it could win this year's QNSL championship and then why it probably will not.

In an opening 45 minutes of vintage soccer Adelaide City style the injury-hit South Australians gave home side Melbourne Croatia a rare old thrashing but finally had to settle for a 3-3 draw.

In wave after breathtaking wave Adelaide City roved down the Somers Street reserve in packs, playing the ball first time to players in support sometimes five wide to either touchline.

It was classical Adelaide City — strength and stability in defence, defenders and midfielders prepared to support flowing forward moves and an intensity not matched by an equally as able home side.

City, without the likes of Tobin, Aurelio Vidmar and Shillabeer, was two goals up and coasting by the break.

Tony Vidmar's ninth minute close-range effort and a surging 41st minute run and cross by Declan Edge setting up Joe Mullen for number two, with Mullen angling the ball between keeper and far post with a deadly clinical finish, made it 2-0.

It might have been more. Carl Veart and Steve Maxwell were both thwarted by desperate last-gasp defence when goals looked certainties.

But desperate situations require desperate measures and Croatia coach Ivan Raznjevic, facing his third successive home defeat, threw in two of his biggest guns on either side of half time to try and halt the slide.

ROBERT ZABICA

Despite injury clouds over 'Gerry' Adzic and barnstorming Branko Milosevic, both were asked to come off the bench and turn the game.

Slowly the Croatia machine spluttered into life and it began to turn the screws on an Adelaide City team which, for all its skill on a roll, looked less than happy under pressure.

Sixteen minutes after half time Croatia's first real chance was converted as Josip Biskic scampered on to Ivan Kelic's carefully timed throughball to make it 2-1.

Confidence seemed to run through the Croatia team like a power surge and 60 seconds later the diminutive Adzic had blasted home a sensational equaliser.

City returned the fire as Veart lobbed Joe Rados for a remarkable 3-2 scoreline almost direct from the kick-off but the assured Adelaide City of the first half was long gone and the three goals inside two minutes only seemed to unsettle the visitors further.

Croatia stormed home — Caleta twice and Kelic both went close before Adzic's 84th minute equaliser as he deftly headed home Biskic's short corner for a final 3-3 scoreline.

Melbourne Croatia		Adelaide City	
Rados	4	Zabica	4
Donnelly	6	Talladira	5
Marth	5	T. Vidmar	6
Selemides	4	Ivanovich	5
Hannah	5	Flounders	4
Talajic	5	Mullen	6
Duzel		Melta	5
(Adzic 34m, 6)		Santrac	5
Grbac	4	Edge	6
(Milosevic 61m)		Veart	6
Biskic	6	Maxwell	5
Caleta	5		
Kelic	8		

Scorers: Biskic 61m, Adzic 62 & 84m for Melbourne Croatia; T. Vidmar 9m, Mullen 41m, Veart 62m for Adelaide City.

Yellow cards: Selemides 22m for Melbourne Croatia; Ivanovich 50m for Ad City.

Referee: J. Santa Isabel 7.

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Goalies shine but Greg Brown scores

BY LOU GAUTIER

AN 88th minute goal by Greg Brown gave Melita Eagles a sensational last-gasp 1-0 win over South Melbourne Hellas at Melita Stadium on Sunday.

The loss ended Hellas' run of five consecutive matches without a loss and enabled the fast improving Melita to continue their steady climb up the standings.

Brown's goal — a low shot from the right, close to the corner flag — found its way into the net through a maze of legs.

It was a dramatic finish to a game which seemed destined to end in a scoreless draw after 90 minutes of brilliant goalkeeping at both ends.

Alex McPherson and Bruce McLaren were in dazzling form, turning away every shot that came their way until the Hellas goalie was unsighted on the match-winning goal.

As early as the eighth minute McLaren was forced to stretch fully to smother a low angled drive from Marshall Soper, the most dangerous striker on the park.

And just on half-time, McLaren produced a miraculous reflex save to prevent Soper from opening the score with a scorching 10-metre header.

He was also equal to the task in the 78th minute when he somehow got a hand to a fierce drive by Lenny Vial, which had goal written all over it.

Melita's Alex McPherson was also in sparkling form at the other end.

Three minutes before halftime he dived bravely at the feet of Hellas defender David Healy, who had linked up in attack with Paul Trimboli to split the Melita defence, and he too produced a memorable save in the 55th minute to tip a 15-metre shot from adventurous Harry Micheil over the bar.

Fifteen minutes later, McPherson spectacularly palmed a Kim Taliadoros screamer over the bar.

Melita threw everything into attack in the last few minutes but just when it appeared as though Hellas would hold out for a draw Brown struck with the winning goal to send their bongo-banging fans into a frenzy.

Melita were good value for the two points against a Hellas side which failed to gain a grip on the midfield.

Melita Eagles		South Melbourne	
McPherson	8	McLaren	8
Williams	5	Healy	5
O'Donnell	5	Micheil	6
Barrios	5	(Postecoglou 57m)	
Gonzalez	5	Durakovic	5
Callanan	6	Blair	5
(Mason 82m)		Wade	6
Genc	5	Taliadoros	5
Vial	6	Petersen	5
Falce	5	Trimboli	5
(Farrugia 60m)		Palatsides	5
Soper	7	(Mori 67m)	
Brown	6	Tsolakis	6

Scorer: G. Brown 88m.
Yellow cards: Vial 6m, Soper 20m for Melita; Petersen 33m, Palatsides 65m for South Melbourne.
Referee: B. Monteverde 7.
Crowd: 1891.

Robert Markovac scores the first of Preston Makedonia's three goals against Blacktown City at the Gabbie last Saturday — HECTOR CARRASCO photo.

Sizzling Sunshine deserved better

BY ALAN CLARK

SUNSHINE's quick-raiding mini fleet turned in a dazzling second-half performance to lift the doldrums on Sunday against Adelaide Hellas at Hindmarsh and force a 1-1 draw.

Coach Ernie Merrick's impressionable youngsters, walloped 5-1 in both their previous NSL matches, made sure there would be no repeat with some of the fastest, most skilful soccer seen this season so far in SA.

In the end, they were desperately unlucky not to earn more than just one point for their efforts.

Hellas was thankful to come out with at least a point to help their fight against relegation.

Hellas stormed ahead with a first-half Raymond Blair 'boomer' out of the blue and, generally looked more organised and aggressive with Richard Miranda and Billy Wright in their home debuts.

Alby Kidd, Brenton Hiern, Raymond Blair and Robbie Slager all looked top flight calibre, too.

But George Cross, with David Clarkson, Jeff Faulkner and, especially, Ernie Tapai shining, tore Hellas to shreds in the second half only to be rewarded with just one goal from John Campelj.

Scottish import Blair netted his goal in the 23rd minute when he bent a tremendous drive past Sean Keough.

Robbie Slager should have done better with a goal chance just four mintues later and then Hellas had strong penalty claims waved away just before the interval but that was the end of the home side's chances.

Clarkson almost caught out Hellas just before the break but the lightning move obviously inspired Sunshine.

They went on the rampage at breathtaking speed and efficiency with Faulkner having three good scoring attempts.

Sunshine's only joy, though, came in the 62nd minute.

Big Shaun Parton proved a menace in the heart of the Hellas defence and he created a chance for John Campbelj to volley home — and that was fitting reward for Sunshine's second half dominance.

Adelaide Hellas		Sunshine GC	
Tsolerias	6	Keogh	6
Hiern	7	Alevisos	5
Mills	5	Roodhouse	6
Mousoulis	5	Ketsakidis	6
Slager	7	Parton	7
Miranda	7	Faulkner	7
Rankin	5	Kindtner	6
(Watkins 63m)		Tapai	8
Kidd	7	Hasler	6
Wright	6	Clarkson	7
Brazzale	5	Campelj	6
(Vatsilas 74m)		(P. Foster 87m)	
Blair	6		

Scorers: Blair 23m for Hellas; Campelj 62m for Sunshine.
Yellow cards: Mills 21m, Slager 54m, Vatsilas 85m for Hellas; Roodhouse 61m, Tapai 83m for Sunshine.
Referee: T. McRoe 7.
Crowd: 3624.

Sydney Croatia triumphant

BY LEN CHAFER

SYDNEY CROATIA is back on track after an emphatic 3-1 win under new management over a disappointing Wollongong City at Brandon Park last Sunday.

The turning point of the game came in the 35th minute when Manis Lamond scored a magnificent goal.

He gave Croatia a deserved lead with a fierce and acute shot from an impossible angle.

Six minutes after half-time, David Seal notched goal number two from a neat Graham Arnold pass.

Seal found the net again in the 65th minute to put the icing on the cake for the Sydneysiders.

Wollongong scored a consolation goal through replacement striker Pat Brodnik in the 80th minute.

New Croatia coach Tony Vrzina said after the game: "It is nice to have got the two points but it is next weekend's two games against Marconi and South Melbourne I am worried about," Vrzina said.

"There is also a big doubt about the fitness of my players on what I saw in the second half.

"The standard of fitness is not good and one or two of the players wanted to come off with minor knocks."

As Wolves player-coach David Ratcliffe said, Croatia were technically superior.

"They did a lot more with the ball than we did and again we fell down badly up front," Ratcliffe said.

"If we had a killer instinct near goal I am sure we would have won and I now have to look towards making changes next week."

Wollongong City		Sydney Croatia	
Pupovac	6	Franken	6
McEvoy	5	Savor	6
(Brodnik 55m)		Grbevski	6
Murphy	5	Hunter	6
Morlando	6	Jones	7
Ratcliffe	6	Kupresak	7
Hristovski	5	Ricoy	6
(Lloyd 5)		Rumora	6
O'Neill	5	(Gojevic 72m)	
Skeen	7	Arnold	7
Crainie	6	Seal	7
McFadden	6	Lamond	6
Easthorpe	5	(Petkovic 87m)	

Scorers: Lamond 35m, Seal 50 & 66m for Sydney Croatia; Brodnik 80m for Wollongong.
Yellow cards: Ratcliffe 57m for Wollongong; Jones 88m for Sydney Croatia.
Referee: J. O'Connell 7.
Crowd: 2344.

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SUNSHINE GC v WOLLONGONG CITY	Skinner Reserve 6pm
APIA LEICHHARDT v MELB. CROATIA	Lambert Park 6pm
PRESTON MAKE v MARCONI	Connor Reserve 6pm
SYDNEY OLYMPIC v BLACKTOWN CITY	St George Stadium 7.30pm

ROUND 14

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

SYDNEY CROATIA v SOUTH MELBOURNE	Croatian Spts Centre 7pm
SUNSHINE GC v MELITA EAGLES	Skinner Reserve 6pm
ADELAIDE HELLAS v APIA LEICHHARDT	Hindmarsh Stadium 6pm
ADELAIDE CITY v WOLLONGONG CITY	Hindmarsh Stadium 8pm
BLACKTOWN CITY v ST GEORGE BSC	Gabbie Stadium 7pm
SYDNEY OLYMPIC v MARCONI	St George Stadium 7pm

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

PRESTON MAKE v MELBOURNE CROATIA	Connor Reserve 6pm

Australia v Torpedo Moscow 0-2

Match-starved 'Roos end long hibernation

BY LOU GAUTIER

MORE than nine months after their last international appearance, the Socceroos returned to the Sydney Football Stadium where more heartbreak was in store for coach Frank Arok.

Touring Torpedo Moscow took over where Israel left off to win 2-0 last Friday evening in front of a meagre crowd of 7424.

To have expected anything less was quite unrealistic considering the long interval between international matches for the Aussies and the mass withdrawals through injury and illness that decimated Arok's squad.

Circumstances compelled him to field a team of spare parts, and that's exactly how they played though they had more scoring chances than the Soviet side.

While Torpedo displayed the precision associated with European First Division teams of good standing, the Socceroos, not surprisingly, lacked fluency.

And how could it have been otherwise, when the team that played for most of the 90 minutes bore little resemblance to the one Arok had based his prematch tactics on?

As though a spate of *injuries prior to the* game and the late withdrawal of Steve Calderan with the 'flu weren't enough, after 34 minutes the Socceroos were minus their top two performers.

First it was in-form defender Alex Tobin who had to be replaced by Robbie Hooker as early as in the 14th minute with a gaping gash on the head, then Zlatko Nastevski, until then the most performing striker, injured his knee slipping and was subbed by Abbas Saad in the 34th minute.

The double whammy threw any game plan Arok had into disarray and it was only early in the second half that the Australians played in patches as a team.

That Torpedo goalkeeper Valeri Sarichev was undoubtedly the player of the match demonstrates the Socceroos had ample scoring opportunites, none more so than Graham Arnold, who never stopping trying.

The acrobatic Sarichev, who looked every bit as good as his 1965 predecessor Kavazashvili, who went on to replace the great Lev Yashin in the USSR national team, denied Arnold in the 47th, 52nd and 68th minutes.

Impeccable in the air, the high balls the Australians kept pumping into his goalmouth never troubled him in the least.

While Sarichev was the Muscovites' hero, his Socceroo counterpart, Bob Catlin, had one of those nightmarish games every goalkeeper dreads.

In the 16th minute he made a mess of a fairly innocuous low cross from the right, enabling Alexander Gitsyelov to turn the ball back to Nikolai Savichev, brother of international midfielder Yuri, who slammed his drive into the net froom eight metres.

Catlin's second blunden — and a far worse one at that — came in the 73rd minute, against the run of play I might add, when he allowed a soft shot by Gitsyelov to roll under his body into the net.

The goal all but demoralised the Australians and the cucumber-cool Russians were content to see out the game without too much difficulty.

The Soviets did not over-exert themselves.

Technically superior, they made the ball work for them while the Socceroos were scrurrying all over the park, rarely capable of stringing more than a couple of passes together.

Torpedo had far less scoring chances than their opponents, but in modern soccer it's not necessarily the team that has the ball that wins, but the one which uses it more intelligently — and that side was Torpedo, by a long shot.

They had four chances and converted two. That's percentage football for you!

So it's back to the drawing board for Arok as he attempts to square the series at Olympic Park on Friday, February 2.

It will be no easy task against a professional — in every sense of the word — outfit like Torpedo which will mercilessly expose any chunks in the Socceroos' armour.

It would surprise if Arok picked more than a handful of the players who lost last Friday.

He is likely to draw heavily on the players from his Melbourne train-on squad.

Fitness permitting, Zeljko Adzic, George Jolevski, Paul Trimboli, John Markovski and Andrew Marth should get a run.

It's pointless to select the likes of Mike Petersen, Paul Wade, Charlie Yankos or Graham Arnold because Arok knows already they are an integral part of the national team.

The "Marconi Connection" — Ian Gray, Tom McCulloch and Robbie Wheatley — deserves another chance and Arok could do worse than also add team-mate David Lowe for some much needed pace down the flank.

No matter who plays in Melbourne, victory won't come easy, but at least it's a start and the national team is back in circulation after an unconscionably lengthy hibernation.

AUSTRALIA: Catlin, van Egmond, Tobin (Hooker 14m), Yankos, Wheatley, Wade (Arambasic 78m), Gray, Petersen, Arnold, Nastevski (Saad 34m), McCulloch.

TORPEDO MOSCOW: Sarichev, Kalaychev, Kovach (Zhukov 53m), Ataulin (Afanasyev 2nd half), Rogovskoi, Shustikov (Greghnyev 78m), Y. Savichev, Gitsyelov, N. Savichev, Shirinbekov (Grishin 66m), Agashkov.

Scorers: N. Savichev 16m, Gitsyelov 73m for Torpedo.

Yellow cards: N. Savichev 60m for Torpedo.

Referee: R. Lorenc.
Crowd: 7424.

Aussie ratings

GRAHAM Arnold and Paul Wade were the best Australians, I thought, against Torpedo.

On a scale of 1 to 10, I awarded the following marks to the Socceroos:

Bob Catlin	*4*
Gary van Egmond	*5*
Alex Tobin	
(Robbie Hooker 14m, 6)	
Charlie Yankos	*5*
Robbie Wheatley	*5*
Paul Wade	*7*
(Zlatko Arambasic 78m)	
Ian Gray	*6*
Mike Petersen	*6*
Graham Arnold	*7*
Zlatko Nastevski	
(Abbas Saad 34m, 5)	
Tom McCulloch	*6*

Tourists win opener 2-0

TORPEDO Moscow won the opening match of their Australian tour last Wednesday in Newcastle with a 2-0 victory over Northern NSW.

The Russians took the field only 12 hours after arriving in Australia, their stop-over in Singapore lasting 24 hours over a ticket mix-up.

Not surprisingly, they were jet-lagged in the first half, but showed glimpses of their class in the second period.

Ralph Maier scored an own goal in the 50th minute and substitute Alexander Gitsyelov made it 2-0 in the 70th off a pass by Sergei Zhukov.

Maier, David Lowe and Gary Phillips were best for a gallant Northern NSW team short on team-work.

NORTHERN NSW: Dorman (Gunning), S. Wells, Stewart, McQuarrie, Maier, King (Waddingham 65m), R. Wells (Murray), Lowe, Phillips, Owens (Boogaard 80m), Soper.

TORPEDO MOSCOW: V. Savichev, Polukarov, Kalayekev, Rogovskoi, Grechnyev, Y. Savichev, Ataklin (Kovach 65m), N. Savichev (Grishin 57m), Shirinbekov (Gisyelov 57m), Rudakov (Shustikov), Zhukov.

SCORERS: Maier (o.g.) 50m, Gitsyelov 70min.

REFEREE: J. Reeves.

CROWD: 4227.

BIG MATCH STATS

	AUSTRALIA	TORPEDO MOSCOW
Goals	0	2
Shots on goal	7	6
Shots off goal	10	7
Freekicks	15	8
Corners	3	3
Offsides	2	4
Yellow cards	0	1

— Compiled by Joe Di Meglio

Zlatko Nastevski in full cry against Torpedo before his untimely 34th minute injury — HECTOR CARRASCO pic.

Socceroo short shots

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

FRANK AROK AND BERTI MARIANI, in charge of the Socceroo team for the match against Moscow Torpedo in Sydney, have built up a fantastic relationship both as coaches and firm friends.

Brainy Arok found that the younger Mariani is very much on the same wavelength as himself.

Communication as well as trust and respect between these two is superb.

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AS if Arok and Mariani didn't have their hands full last week with training sessions for Australia and their NSL clubs, they both had to rush off to attend last Thursday's NSL meeting of Sydney-based clubs at the Airport Hilton Hotel.

Mariani was "greeted" at the meeting with a penalty "invoice" fining his Marconi club $1,000 for two publicity shots used by a Sydney morning paper of striker David Lowe.

In the first photo, Lowe was shown squatting over a soccer ball and in the second he was photographed juggling a ball in the air.

Both photographs showed the soccer ball used was an Adidas Tango ball and not a MITRE ball, the ball that must be used at all NSL matches.

But the irony of it all was that the publicity shots were of Lowe promoting the Northern NSW match against Torpedo in Newcastle and had nothing to do with Marconi or the NSL.

Any sort of a fine directed at Marconi was totally unjustified under the circumstances.

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SOCCEROO physio Pedro Ruz is somewhat of a projected play-boy with his super fire-engine red sports car, a Honda Prelude, which was parked in front of the Socceroos' Motel at Camperdown.

The quiet, unassuming Chilean-born sports medicine man, however, enjoys the utmost respect of all the Australian players.

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TO break the monotony of constant training whilst in camp last week, the Socceroos went for a relaxing massage, followed by a visit to the cinema to watch a first-release movie, Black Rain, starring Oscar winner Michael Douglas.

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ROD ('Barney') WOODS, the Socceroos' popular gear steward, is a well-organised critter.

Be it ordering wake-up calls, arranging breakfasts, lunches and dinner menus, travel arrangements and laundering of gear, he has the Socceroos wanting for nothing.

"Woodsie's" room is like a warehouse stacked with heaps of back-up gear in the event of any playing strips, track-suits, towels, etc getting lost or damaged.

And all this is on top of keeping all gear spotlessly washed and pressed to have the Socceroos looking in tip-top shape.

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WORLD champion boxer Jeff Fenech was an interested spectator at the Australia-Torpedo match at the Sydney Football Stadium last Friday.

A big roar went up from the crowd when he appeared on the giant electronic scoreboard.

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IAN GRAY's powerhouse display at right-back cum right midfield against the Russians last Friday night left no doubt that this Marconi dynamo will be a permanent player for Australia for many years to come.

"Iggy's" strong defence and direct thrusts down the right flank are something the Socceroos have been waiting for the last few years.

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A LOOK BACK

The NSL 13 years on

GARY COLE: two goals for Fitzroy against Sydney Olympic.

WHILST Canberra City and South Melbourne Hellas celebrated the arrival of new British stars, bottom of the table Fitzroy United rejoiced at the return of coach John Margaritis with its second victory of the year as the PSL ticked over into round nine.

During the week Canberra City, then wowing the huge crowds at the Bruce Stadium, was joined by 26-year-old former Arsenal and Motherwell star Peter Marinello.

At Hellas the club finally met its newest $20,000 recruit from Aberdeen, flying winger George Campbell.

Much-travelled John Margaritis, just a week after leaving West Adelaide Hellas, returned south to rejoin ailing Fitzroy and his return marked the turning point of the season for that club.

Fitzroy, led by two goals from 'Goal King' Gary Cole and a third from Jim Campbell, took a 3-0 lead against Sydney Olympic in Sydney before running out 3-1 winners.

Undefeated

But undefeated Marconi was still the team of the moment as it took a five-point break at the head of the ladder by beating West Adelaide 2-0 in front of 6479 fans at Marconi Stadium.

In the only real upset of the round Adelaide City downed second placed Western Suburbs 4-2 at Olympic Sports Field with Henry Kolecki scoring twice, along with Johnny Nyskohus and man of the match John Perin.

Meanwhile, Western Suburbs had decided to give up using Englefield Stadium, Dural for their home games and would instead share Wentworth Park with Eastern Suburbs Hakoah.

And that man Craig Johnston was due to fly in to join Newcastle KB United for a guest stint along with Huddersfield striker Bob Mountfield.

Clubs will appeal points deduction

SOUTH MELBOURNE and Melbourne Croatia have appealed against the NSL's tribunal decision to strip them of two competition points and fine each club $5,000 for the incidents at Olympic Park on December 29.

The Tribunal by majority recommended that:

Accepting the duly passed resolution of the NSL Executive that the world-wide soccer principle of clubs being responsible for the behaviour of their supporters be strictly adhered to and having due regard to the evidence given.

The Tribunal by majority finds that the incidents of crowd violence immediately following the game of 29th ult. ("the clubs") at Olympic Park were of a most serious nature and consequently the charge of bringing the League into disrepute (as amended) is proven.

Accordingly, each of the clubs shall:
(a) have deducted forthwith two (2) premiership points
(b) be fined $5,000, such fines being payable by the clubs to the league no later than 18th February, 1990.

The NSL is likely to hear the appeal this week.

Until the appeal is heard, the ONSL standings cannot be altered and will not show the club's loss of points.

Foster out

SUNSHINE George Cross will lose promising midfielder Craig Foster for at least six weeks. Forster, whose impressive start to the season had much to do with Sunshine's early-season success, separated two bones in his ankle against Marconi recently and a specialist has advised him that an operation is needed to have a steel pin inserted into the ankle.

Victorian Leagues make-up

BY GREG BLAKE

FOLLOWING the changes to Victoria's State League competition for 1990 the make-up of the major Victorian Leagues for the coming season is as follows:

State League Super Division

Altona Gate
Brunswick Juventus
Bulleen
Caulfield City
Croydon City
Green Gully
Heidelberg Utd
Melbourne JUST
Morwell Falcons
Northcote City
St Albans
Thomastown

State League First Division

Albion
Box Hill
Broadmeadow City
Doveton
Fawkner
Frankston Pines
Knox City
Maribyrnong
Mooroolbark
Oakleigh
Ringwood City
Springvale City

Vic. League Division One

Dandenong
Essendon City
Geelong
Keilor
North Geelong
Port Melbourne
Mordialloc
Nunawading City
Sandringham City
Sunbury United
Waverley City
Werribee
Western Suburbs
Westgate

Vic. League Division Two

Brighton
Bell Park
Chelsea
Clarinda
Clifton Hill
Corio/Geelong United
Coburg
Doncaster Rovers
Eltham/
Diamond Valley Utd
Heidelberg City
Mornington
Richmond
Ringwood United
Seaford United

Vic. League Division Three

Altona City
Bentleigh Greens
Clayton
East Brunswick/
Ivanhoe
Hamlyn Rangers
Holland Park
Karingal United
Moorabbin City
Moreland Park Rangers
Regent
Springvale United
Yarraville
Yallourn
Lalor United

Vic. League Division Four

Berwick City
Boronia
Ferntree Gully
Hawthorn
Keysborough
Wangwarrin
Malvern City
North Sunshine
Oakleigh Suburbs
Pascoe Vale
Rosanna
Springvale Condors
South Werribee
Williamstown

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PERSONALITY PLAYER

DANIEL WRIGHT (South Melbourne)

NAME: Daniel Patrick Wright
CLUB: South Melbourne Hellas
BIRTHPLACE & DATE: 2/11/64 — Brisbane
HEIGHT & WEIGHT: 180cm, 78kg
MARRIED: No
HOME: Coburg, Victoria
NICKNAME: Lefty
CAR: Toyota Camry
OCCUPATION: Sales Rep.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Brisbane Lions
FAVOURITE PLAYER: No real favourites because it's hard to judge on just the edited highlights we see from overseas.
FAVOURITE LOCAL PLAYER: Nastevski, Trimboli, Wade and all the Hellas team.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: All opponents tough on the day.
FAVOURITE GROUND: Middle Park when there's a big crowd and the Sydney Football Stadium.
MOST MEMORABLE GAME: Defeating Scotland in the World Youth Cup finals in Mexico.
BIGGEST THRILL: Qualifying for the Mexico finals.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: The game not taking off in Australia as it should have.
FAVOURITE POSITION: Attacking midfield
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Snow skiing, scuba diving and golf
FAVOURITE FOOD: Malaysian
FAVOURITE DRINK: Fruit juice
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Rythym and blues
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Cheers
FAVOURITE MOVIE: Blues Brothers
BEST FRIEND: Girlfriend Marie
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: All my coaches
WORST INJURY: Ankle injury in 1986 — missed 6 months
AMBITIONS: To win the NSL with Hellas
PRE-MATCH SUPERSTITIONS: Just to keep to my usual routine
BOOT TYPE: Puma
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Paul Trimboli
PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET: Elle McPherson at the beach

Compiled by Greg Blake

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THE POOLS

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS
WEEK 234 SAT 20 JANUARY, 1990

Total Prize Pool is $2,569,063.95.

Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order): 11, 12, 13, 17, 27, 35. Supplementary Number: 8

Division 1
The Prize Pool is $2,400,000.00
1 provisional winner of $2,400,000.00

Division 2
The Prize Pool is $9,667.25
5 provisional winners of $1,933.45 ea

Division 3
The Prize Pool is $28,999.45
109 winners of $266.05 ea.

Division 4
The Prize Pool is $72,521.25
6,225 winners of $11.65 ea.

Division 5
The Prize Pool is $57,876.00
7,420 winners of $7.80 ea.

MATCH RESULTS

ENGLISH DIVISION 1	ASTON VILLA	SOUTHAMPTON	1	2-1	
	CHELSEA	CHARLTON	2	3-1	
	DERBY	NOTTINGHAM F.	3	0-2	
	EVERTON	SHEFF. WED.	4	2-0	
	LUTON	Q.P.R.	5	1-1	
	MAN. CITY	COVENTRY	6	1-0	
	MILLWALL	WIMBLEDON	7	0-0	
ENGLISH DIVISION 2	BARNSLEY	PLYMOUTH	8	1-1	★
	BOURNEMOUTH	IPSWICH	9	3-1	
	LEEDS	STOKE	10	2-0	
	LEICESTER	WATFORD	11	1-1	★
	OLDHAM	NEWCASTLE	12	1-1	★
	OXFORD UTD.	BLACKBURN	13	1-1	★
	PORTSMOUTH	BRADFORD C.	14	3-0	
	PORT VALE	BRIGHTON	15	2-1	
	SHEFF. UTD.	MIDDLESBORO	16	1-0	
	SUNDERLAND	WEST BROM.	17	1-1	★
	WEST HAM	HULL	18	1-2	
	WOLVES	SWINDON	19	2-1	
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	BOLTON	CARDIFF	20	3-1	
	BRENTFORD	BRISTOL R.	21	2-1	
	BRISTOL C.	BURY	22	1-0	
	CREWE	BIRMINGHAM	23	0-2	
	MANSFIELD	CHESTER	24	1-0	
	NOTTS C.	LEYTON O.	25	1-0	
	PRESTON	ROTHERHAM	26	0-1	
	SHREWSBURY	READING	27	1-1	★
ENGLISH DIVISION 4	ALDERSHOT	GILLINGHAM	28	1-0	
	BURNLEY	ROCHDALE	29	0-1	
	CAMBRIDGE U.	GRIMSBY	30	2-0	
	CARLISLE	HEREFORD	31	2-1	
	COLCHESTER	CHESTERFIELD	32	1-0	
	DONCASTER	EXETER	33	2-1	
	HARTLEPOOL	HALIFAX	34	2-0	
	MAIDSTONE	PETERBORO	35	1-1	★
	TORQUAY	STOCKPORT	36	3-0	
	WREXHAM	SCARBORO	37	0-2	
	YORK	SOUTHEND	38	2-1	

★ Winning match numbers and supplementary number.

RESULTS AND DIVIDEND HOTLINES

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Results are available from 8pm. Sundays, dividends after 5pm Mondays.

THIS WEEK'S MATCH LIST
WEEK 235 SAT 27 JANUARY

F.A. CUP 4TH ROUND	BARNSLEY	IPSWICH	1	
	BLACKPOOL	TORQUAY	2	
	CRYSTAL P.	HUDDERSFIELD	3	
	HEREFORD	MAN. UTD.	4	
	READING	NEWCASTLE	5	
	ROCHDALE	NORTHAMPTON	6	
	SHEFF. UTD.	WATFORD	7	
	SOUTHAMPTON	OXFORD UTD.	8	
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	BRISTOL R.	BOLTON	9	
	BURY	BRENTFORD	10	
	LEYTON O.	WALSALL	11	
	ROTHERHAM	TRANMERE	12	
ENGLISH DIVISION 4	GILLINGHAM	HARTLEPOOL	13	
	GRIMSBY	CARLISLE	14	
	PETERBORO	DONCASTER	15	
	SCARBORO	SCUNTHORPE	16	
	SOUTHEND	ALDERSHOT	17	
	STOCKPORT	MAIDSTONE	18	
G.M. VAUXHALL CONF. PREMIER DIVISION	ALTRINCHAM	YEOVIL	19	
	CHELTENHAM	BARNET	20	
	FARNBORO	TELFORD	21	
	FISHER A.	NORTHWICH	22	
	KID'MINSTER	BARROW	23	
	MERTHYR T.	CHORLEY	24	
	RUNCORN	KETTERING	25	
	SUTTON U.	BOSTON	26	
	WELLING	STAFFORD R.	27	
	WYCOMBE	MACCLESFIELD	28	
H.F.S. LOANS LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION	BUXTON	FLEETWOOD	29	
	CAERNARFON	BISHOP AUK.	30	
	FRICKLEY A.	BANGOR	31	
	GAINSBORO	STALYBRIDGE	32	
	GOOLE	MARINE	33	
	HYDE	MORECAMBE	34	
	MATLOCK	RHYL	35	
	MOSSLEY	S. LIVERPOOL	36	
	SOUTHPORT	SHEPSHED	37	
	WITTON A.	GATESHEAD	38	

RESERVE MATCHES

★	DOVER	GLOUCESTER	39	
	GOSPORT	CAMBRIDGE C.	40	
SCOTTISH B & Q PREMIER DIV.	CELTIC	MOTHERWELL	41	
	DUNDEE	HIBERNIAN	42	
	DUNFERMLINE	RANGERS	43	
	HEARTS	DUNDEE UTD.	44	
	ST. MIRREN	ABERDEEN	45	
SCOTTISH B & Q DIVISION 1	AIRDRIE	CLYDEBANK	46	
	ALLOA	PARTICK	47	
	CLYDE	RAITH	48	
	HAMILTON	FORFAR	49	
	MEADOWBANK	ALBION R.	50	
	MORTON	FALKIRK	51	
	ST. JOHNSTONE	AYR	52	
†	ARBROATH	COWDENBATH	53	
	BRECHIN	BERWICK	54	
	EAST FIFE	STIRLING A.	55	

★BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE
†SCOTTISH B & Q DIVISION 2

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THE POOLS RESULTS HISTORY AT 20/1/1990 — WEEK 234

NO. OF TIMES EACH NUMBER OCCURRED								NO. OF WEEKS SINCE EACH NUMBER OCCURRED							
1 25	2 28	3 37	4 14	5 27	6 43	7 32	8 42	1 2	2 2	3 1	4 8	5 32	6 7	7 17	8 0
9 42	10 51	11 45	12 47	13 45	14 46	15 49	16 42	9 22	10 3	11 0	12 0	13 0	14 1	15 3	16 7
17 43	18 43	19 33	20 49	21 44	22 47	23 47	24 46	17 0	18 3	19 26	20 6	21 1	22 10	23 5	24 1
25 45	26 53	27 51	28 59	29 51	30 67	31 47	32 50	25 10	26 5	27 0	28 4	29 2	30 2	31 4	32 6
33 49	34 62	35 54	36 63	37 49	38 48			33 3	34 2	35 0	36 2	37 4	38 11		

Results History is from Week 36, the start of Six from 38 Pools

ENGLISH DIV 1: Arsenal 1 Tottenham 0, Aston Villa 2 Southampton 1, Chelsea 3 Charlton 1, Crystal Palace 0 Liverpool 2, Derby 0 Nottingham Forest 2, Everton 2 Sheffield Wednesday 0, Luton 1 Queens Park Rangers 1, Manchester City 1 Coventry 0, Millwall 0 Wimbledon 0.

ENGLISH DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	24	13	7	4	48	25	46
Aston Villa	23	14	4	5	40	21	46
Arsenal	23	13	3	7	38	24	42
Notts Fst	23	10	6	7	34	23	36
Southamptn	23	9	8	6	45	38	35
Chelsea	23	9	8	6	37	33	35
Everton	23	10	5	8	31	28	35
Tottenham	23	9	6	8	32	30	33
Derby	23	9	5	9	29	21	32
Norwich	22	8	7	7	26	23	31
Wimbledon	23	7	10	6	26	25	31
Coventry	23	9	4	10	18	29	31
QPR	23	7	9	7	26	26	30
Man City	23	7	5	11	25	37	26
Crystal Pal	23	7	5	11	26	46	26
Sheff Wed	24	6	7	11	20	34	25
Man Utd	22	6	6	10	27	31	24
Millwall	23	5	8	10	29	39	23
Luton	23	4	10	9	25	33	22
Charlton	23	3	7	13	18	34	16

DIV 2: Barnsley 1 Plymouth 1, Bournemouth 3 Ipswich 1, Leeds 2 Stoke 0, Leicester 1 Watford 1, Oldham 1 Newcastle 1, Oxford 1 Blackburn 1, Portsmouth 3 Bradford 0, Port Vale 2 Brighton 1, Sheffield United 1 Middlesbrough 0, Sunderland 1 West Bromwich 1, West Ham 1 Hull 2, Wolverhampton 2 Swindon 1.

DIVISION 2

Leeds	27	16	7	4	46	26	55
Sheff Utd	27	14	9	4	43	30	51
Swindon	27	12	7	8	49	38	43
Oldham	27	11	10	6	38	32	43
Sunderland	27	11	10	6	45	41	43
Newcastle	26	11	8	7	47	36	41
Ipswich	26	11	8	7	38	36	41
Wolves	27	10	9	8	43	35	39
Port Vale	27	9	10	8	39	34	37
Oxford	27	10	7	10	38	37	37
Blackburn	26	8	12	6	47	43	36
Brnmouth	27	10	6	11	43	45	36
West Ham	27	9	8	10	38	34	35
Watford	27	9	7	11	35	35	34
Leicester	27	9	7	11	38	45	34
Plymouth	26	8	7	11	38	40	31
Portsmouth	27	7	10	10	37	41	31
WBA	27	7	9	11	44	46	30
Middlesbro	27	8	6	13	32	40	30
Brighton	27	8	5	14	33	40	29
Hull	26	6	11	9	31	38	29
Bradford	27	6	10	11	30	40	28
Barnsley	27	7	7	13	29	50	28
Stoke	26	4	10	12	23	42	22

DIV 3: Bolton 3 Cardiff 1, Brentford 2 Bristol Rovers 1, Bristol City 1 Bury 0, Crewe 0 Birmingham 2, Mansfield 1 Chester 0, Notts County 1 Leyton Orient 0, Preston 0 Rotherham 1, Shrewsbury 1 Reading 1, Wigan 1 Blackpool 1, Tranmere 2 Fulham 1

DIVISION 3

Bristol City	24	14	5	5	33	20	47
Notts City	25	13	7	5	37	25	46
Bristol Rov	24	11	9	4	32	19	42
Bolton	24	11	9	4	38	26	42
Rotherham	25	11	7	7	40	31	40
Bury	25	11	6	8	41	32	39
Huddersfld	23	10	9	4	32	27	39
Tranmere	24	11	5	8	43	28	38
Birmingham	24	10	5	9	29	28	35
Shrewsbury	24	8	7	9	35	34	31
Nrthamptn	23	8	7	8	30	31	31
Fulham	25	7	9	9	29	31	30
Brentford	25	9	3	13	37	41	30
Wigan	24	7	9	8	26	30	30
Swansea	23	8	6	9	21	32	30
Preston	25	8	5	12	36	44	29
Reading	23	6	10	7	26	30	28
Ley Orient	25	8	4	13	31	39	28
Crewe	24	6	9	9	27	30	27
Chester	25	6	9	10	24	35	27
Cardiff	23	6	8	9	29	36	26
Mansfield	24	7	4	13	24	35	25
Blackpool	24	5	8	11	21	30	23
Walsall	23	5	6	12	19	34	21

DIV 4: Aldershot 1 Gillingham 0, Burnley 0 Rochdale 1, Cambridge 2 Grimsby 0, Carlisle 2 Hereford 1, Colchester 1 Chesterfield 0, Doncaster 2 Exeter 1, Hartlepool 2 Halifax 0, Maidstone 1 Peterborough 1, Scunthorpe 1 Lincoln 1, Torquay 3 Stockport 0, Wrexham 0 Scarborough 2, York 2 Southend 1.

DIVISION 4

Carlisle	25	14	6	5	39	26	48
Exeter	24	15	2	7	44	27	47
Stockport	26	13	5	8	41	32	44
Southend	25	12	5	8	33	27	41
Maidstone	24	12	3	9	37	30	39
Chesterfld	24	11	6	7	33	26	39
Gillingham	24	11	5	8	31	26	38
York	24	10	8	6	29	24	38
Burnley	24	10	7	7	25	22	37
Lincoln	25	10	7	8	25	27	37
Cambridge	24	10	5	9	40	38	35
Peterboro	25	7	13	5	32	27	34
Scunthorpe	25	9	7	9	39	36	34
Aldershot	24	9	7	8	33	31	34
Grimsby	25	8	9	8	33	30	33
Rochdale	24	10	3	11	26	25	33
Doncaster	25	9	5	11	31	29	32
Torquay	24	8	6	10	29	37	30
Scarboro	26	9	2	15	32	43	29
Hereford	24	7	7	10	30	35	28
Halifax	25	6	7	12	31	35	25
Colchester	25	4	8	13	24	42	20
Wrexham	24	4	7	13	23	35	19
Hartlepool	25	5	4	16	32	62	19

SCOTTISH FA CUP, Rd 3: Airdrieonians 2 Inverness Caledonians 2, Albion 0 Clydebank 2, Ayr 0 St Mirren 0, Brechin 0 Hibernian 2, Cowdenbeath 3 Stranraer 1, Dundee 0 Dundee United 0, Dunfermline 0 Hamilton 0, East Fife 3 Meadowbank 1, Forfar 1 Celtic 2, Hearts 2 Falkirk 0, Morton 2 Raith 2, Motherwell 7 Clyde 0, Partick 2 Aberdeen 6, Queen of South 0 Alloa 0, Rangers 3 St Johnstone 0.

SCOTTISH DIV 2: Kilmarnock 2 Stenhousemuir 0, Montrose 4 Arbroath 2.

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The man behind Apia's revival

Hail, Manfred the Magnificent!

BY KEITH GILMOUR

ONE of the remarkable points involved in the rebuilding of Apia-Leichhardt into QNSL title contenders is that new coach Manfred Schaefer was late in reporting for duty in Sydney.

Not that he could have helped it.

Melbourne club Brunswick Juventus was depending upon his expertise to lift them back into the senior competition.

But when it came to the crunch, Morwell Falcons edged Brunswick out, and in turn Adelaide Hellas downed them to claim the 1989/90 summer season position.

Disappointment for the Victorians and for Schaefer, but the former Socceroo was now released to set up arrangements with his new club.

After an earlier period as coach with St George, Schaefer was in charge at Sydney Olympic when they achieved their only NSL honours.

In 1983 and 1985 the Greek-based outfit won the NSL Cup, whilst in 1986 they won the Northern Division grand final before dipping out to Adelaide City in the National Final.

At that stage, Schaefer decided for pastures greener, which turned out to be in Melbourne when nothing was available in his home town of Sydney.

For Schaefer it is the Apia job in hand that counts.

"Some of the players were over the hill and had to go.

"It was my duty to tell them, and I did so.

"If they were unhappy, then I couldn't help it.

"Apia want me to do a job and I have to get on with it," he said.

The present standing of the team, now amongst Australia's elite, speaks volumes for the way he has got them together.

ALAN DAVIDSON

Few would have given Apia a chance of being much ahead of the relegation positions, let alone comfortably in the Top Five when the season began.

But now the defence is rarely beaten, the midfield is effective as well as combative and the strikers look the goods.

That is, if the often unlucky Rod Brown comes back after a cartilage operation and Irishman Ron Manley proves his ability to hit the target.

Schaefer himself has done it all on the field, from 13 years playing for St George through to appearing for the Socceroos in the 1974 World Cup finals in the land of his origin — Germany.

To many of today's Apia players Schaefer's name does not mean so much.

But the plain fact is that only Peter Wilson (63) turned out for the green and gold more times than Schaefer did in the defence.

Alan Davidson occasionally a midfielder, is equal with Schaefer on 49, and Yankos on 46.

After them come Doug Utjesenovic 34, Col Bennett 30, Stan Ackerley 28, George Harris 26, Robbie Dunn 25, Tony Henderson 25, Wally Savor 22 and David Ratcliffe 21.

What does matter to Apia's squad is Schaefer's insistence on iron discipline.

Different coaches have different methods, and for Schaefer there is the strength and no-nonsense approach that stems from his German heritage.

In Australia, as a junior, he want through a tough school.

Placed in the Villawood Migrant Hostel with his family, the 11-year-old found a way to get to outer western St Marys to join the club of his choice.

Said Schaefer: "My past career doesn't matter to today's players.

"They don't have to copy my style.

"I want skill and absolute fitness and it is up to the players to do the job, otherwise they are of no use to this club."

Manfred Schaefer in his prime.

Manfred Schaefer played for St George against Apia in the days when Lambert Park was bursting at the seams for every major encounter.

He knows his tactics, and is no slouch when it comes to understanding how to handle opponents — individually and collectively.

Of those he has brought to the club, so far Graham Jennings, Shane Clinch, Jason van Blerk and Ron Manley are in the current first team.

And there are a few more who will be helping the Maroons to fight for a high place on the table.

PETER WILSON

ALL TIME TOP SOCCEROO DEFENDERS

'A' INTERNATIONAL APPEARANCES

63
PETER WILSON
49
MANFRED SCHAEFER
ALAN DAVIDSON
46
CHARLIE YANKOS
34
DOUG UTJESENOVIC
30
COL BENNETT
28
STAN ACKERLEY
26
GEORGE HARRIS
25
ROBBIE DUNN
TONY HENDERSON
22
WALLY SAVOR
21
DAVID RATCLIFFE

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BY JOHN WARNER

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Admission prices for the series are a very reasonable $5 for adults and $2 for pensioners and children under 16 years for the four matches.

Prizemoney for the tournament is $5000 for the winner and $2500 for the runner-up.

There will be a series of additional awards made at the conclusion of the series, among them the Player of the Tournament, Goalkeeper of the Tournament, both from points allocated by media and referees.

There will also be a goalscorer of the series trophy.

The SBS-TV Multicultural Australia Championship will be run strictly under FIFA rules and matches will be of 45 minutes duration each half.

The competition teams are divided into two groups — Group A: Portugal, Argentina, Sydney Macedonia and Greece — Group B: Ethnic Soccer Cup runner-up Turkey, Uruguay, Cyprus and Italy.

The two top teams after the three round-robin series will qualify for the semi-finals.

St George Stadium provides a splendid venue for the tournament with covered seating for some 3000 fans, centrally located in Rockdale with adequate parking facilities.

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All in all, the event will be a true feast food and football, reasonably priced at a good venue and one football fans should get along to see.

Organisers are confident of attracting even larger crowds than last year's Sydney Ethnic World Cup to the SBS-TV Multicultural Australia Soccer Championships starting on Saturday at St George Stadium.

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The trophy shall remain the property of the organising committee and shall be held by the winning team until the next Multicultural Australia Soccer Championship is staged

In addition there will be trophies for the Player of the Championship, decided by the media and referees based on a 3.2.1. basis after each match, a Goalkeeper of the Championship, the Leading Scorer of the Championship, and for the Second, Third and Fourth placed teams.

FORM & ORGANISATION OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

The championship will be played as per attached draw — a three round, two group qualification series with the top two in each group qualifying for the semi finals.

In the event of points being the same, positions will be decided by goal difference. If goal difference is the same, the team scoring more goals will determine the better side. Should points, goal difference and goals scored be the same, the team which has accumulated the less yellow and red cards in the tournament will proceed to the next stage. Should all these remain the same, lots shall determine the "winner".

In the semi finals 30 minutes extra time will be played in the event of a drawn match. If the match is drawn after extra time, penalties shall decide which team proceeds to the final.

In the event of a draw in the final, 30 minutes extra time will be played. Should the score remain level after extra time, the final will be replayed.

In the event of a draw in the replay, extra time will be played. Should the score remain level after extra time, penalties shall decide which team is the champion.

Substitutions shall be according to **FIFA rules** — any two subs from five subs named on the team sheets prior to kick off.

Official team sheets listing 11 starting players and five nominated subs must be delivered to the press box 15 minutes prior to kick off

Each team can only nominate 20 players for the tournament.

Each team must provide two ground control officials for their respective matches.

Prize money for the tournament will be **$5,000 (five thousand dollars) to the winner and $2,500 (two thousand five hundred dollars) to the runner up.**

Each team takes the responsability to insure its players and officials against injury during the tournament.

Two yellow cards during the tournament means an automatic one match suspension as does a red card.

Two red cards in the championship will mean an automatic disqualification for the tournament

Teams failing to appear with eleven players will lose bond and be disqualified from the tournament, as will teams failing to appear

Tournament favourites Turkey.

Only official players, two ground control officials, coach, manager and physiotherapist are allowed on the ground when team is playing

Dressing room allocation is as per draw sheet. For these purposes the dressing rooms have been allocated numbers **1-4.**

Dressing rooms **1** and **2** are found at the southern end of the ground underneath the electronic scoreboard.

Dressing rooms **3** and **4** are found under the main grandstand.

National anthems of the respective communities are required in tape form for the tournament

Participating teams will be required to have **two sets of shirts** in the event of a clash of colours.

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PLAYER TO WATCH

GEORGE JOHNSON
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Sydney Macedonia tipped to meet Turkey in the final

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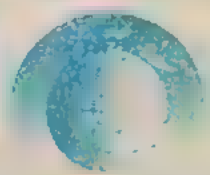

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6.30pm	GROUP A	PORTUGAL	vs ARGENTINA	....	....
8.30pm	GROUP B	ITALY	vs CYPRUS	....	....

SECOND ROUND DRAW

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

2.30pm	GROUP B	URUGUAY	vs URUGUAY	....	....
4.30pm	GROUP A	PORTUGAL	vs SYD MACE	....	....
6.30pm	GROUP B	TURKEY	vs CYPRUS	....	....
8.30pm	GROUP A	ARGENTINA	vs GREECE	....	....

THIRD ROUND DRAW

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

2.30pm	GROUP B	URUGUAY	vs CYPRUS	....	....
4.30pm	GROUP A	ARGENTINA	vs SYD MACE	....	....
6.30pm	GROUP B	TURKEY	vs TURKEY	....	....
8.30pm	GROUP A	PORTUGAL	vs GREECE	....	....

SEMI FINALS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

5.30pm	winner GROUP A	vs	runner up GROUP B
7.30pm	runner up GROUP A	vs	winner GROUP B

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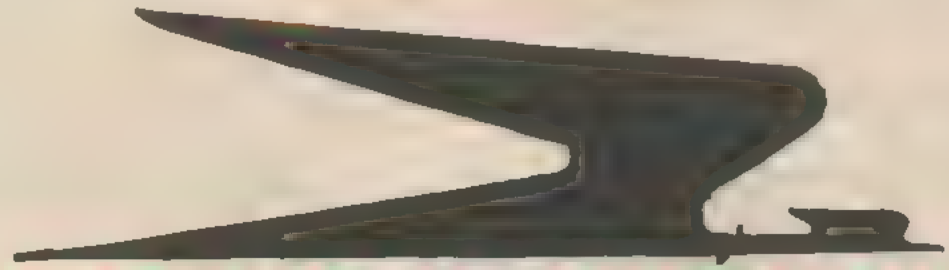
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

5.30pm third and fourth places play-off
7.30pm ***GRAND FINAL***



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Chit Chat . . . Chit Chat . . . Chit Chat . . .

NATIONAL DIRECTOR of Coaching Eddie Thomson makes sense when he suggests some QNSL matches should be played in NSW country areas.

The game last week, between Apia and Blacktown for instance, would probably have attracted three times more spectators if properly promoted in "big match" starved centres like Bathurst, Orange or Gosford.

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Frank Arok will continue to look after all Australian teams until his contract expires in July.

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OSCAR Crino may be on deck as soon as this weekend after undergoing arthroscopic surgery to remove a floating bone in his knee.

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FRANK FARINA could be headed to the Italian First Division next season if he continues on his merry goalscoring way in Belgium. The leading scorer in the Belgian First Division, the FC Brugge Socceroo star is being sought by Bologna and could be involved in a $2 million-plus transfer which would be a record for an Australian player.

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South Melbourne star Steve Tasios is "devastated" at the news that he might miss the rest of the QNSL season. Tasios, who battled against illness which sidelined him for much of 1989, was set to return to the Hellas first team after recovering from a foot injury suffered in last season's Dockerty Cup. But on the eve of his comeback Tasios fractured the same bone in the same foot in a training mishap.

He is sidelined for at least two months.

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ADELAIDE City star Aurelio Vidmar cruelly was ruled out of the Socceroo squad after contracting chickenpox.

He was stricken after turning in a stirring performance against Marconi.

Vidmar, 23, missed Friday's Socceroo clash against Soviet side Moscow Torpedo in Sydney but may figure in the second leg of the Soviet series in Melbourne.

"It is a real disappointment," said Vidmar, "but there is nothing you can do about it. These things happen. I was looking forward to the Socceroo chance again but I'll just have to try and get back in there for the next game."

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THE West Australian TAB has come up with an intriguing deal with the State's Soccer Federation.

The two organisations have combined to launch a Pick-The-Card system of betting which involves forecasting the results of the five weekly Super League games and the seven Premier League matches.

Punters will be offered three different bets — exclusively on the Super League, the Premier League or on all 12 games.

If there is no correct entry each week, 80 per cent will jackpot to the following week with the prospect of a $1 million pay-out being touted by the promoters.

"We feel we are on a winner with this type of betting," said Nick Geronimos, chief executive officer of the Super League.

"It will make many people much more aware of soccer in WA."

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RON Corry broke his silence over his sacking to speak exclusively to Ray Gatt of THE AUSTRALIAN last week.

The deposed Sydney Croatia coach blasted the club's committee for "meddling"

Corry claims he was told at the start of the season that his job would be in jeopardy if Croatia were unsuccessful in the first few rounds of the summer season.

He also told Gatt he had to take a back seat while the committee handled the purchase of new players and he maintains he was absolutely right to encourage young players in the first team.

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GEORGE BOUHOUTSOS is back in Sydney after failing to break into Panathinaikos' first team. The goalkeeper, who played a big part in reviving Wollongong's fortunes last year after being transferred from St George, was frustrated because he was only given a handful of runs in the Greek club's reserves.

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NEW Sydney Croatia coach Tony Vrzina has been coaching since 1971.

He has been connected with Melbourne Croatia, Western Suburbs, Preston Makedonia, Prahran Slavia, Northcote, St Albans and Bulleen.

Vrzina was well known to Croatia officials as he has acted as the club's agent in Melbourne and was responsible for the signing of several players, including this season's sparsely used purchases, Steve Gojevic and Velimir Kupresak

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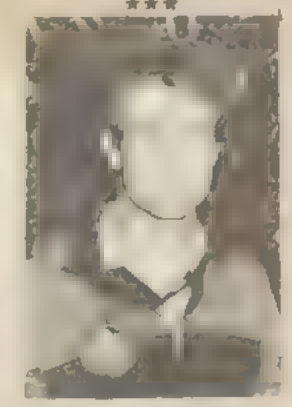

TONY GENOVESE has bought out his contract from Rockdale Ilinden and is now free to negotiate with any club he wishes. Genovese spent five years with Apia before joining Rockdale where he was for four years. The very experienced striker can be contacted on 797 6537.

ALEX BUNDALO: a shock omission from the Socceroo squad for the Torpedo matches despite sizzling NSL form — cartoon courtesy THE AUSTRALIAN.

Tony Pezzano will miss Sunday's match against Melbourne Croatia because he is finally tying the knot.

"When we set the wedding date we were not scheduled to play that Sunday," said the Apia captain.

Brett Hughes will fill in for Pezzano in goal.

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The NSW Soccer Federation earns top marks for arranging a special function in honour of Charles and Joan Valentine. This will take place next month and recognise their work in securing and maintaining the Parklea complex, which is the shining jewel in the Federation's crown

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There is a possibility that leading Chilean club Cobreloa could visit Australia. The matter is being discussed by Sydney's Granville Chile club and NSW vice-president George Dick.

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BEST WISHES from his many friends to former NSW Soccer Federation secretary Aulden Brown.

We hear he is making good progress in Royal North Shore Hospital after surgery.

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The AIS has agreed to release young midfielder Lorenc Kindtner to Sunshine George Cross until the end of February.

Kindtner, a registered George Cross player and a star in the *championship-winning* youth team of last year, is holidaying in Melbourne. Sunshine's dreadful run with injuries recently saw the club recall twice retired 33-year-old veteran midfielder Jeff Faulkner. He scored the club's only goal in a 5-1 defeat against Melbourne Croatia.

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The Australian Soccer Federation consultant, Dr Graham Bradley, is doing the rounds of the capital cities at present. His current itinerary involves calls at Hobart, Melbourne, Perth, Adelaide, Canberra and Sydney in quick succession

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NSW schools in Argentina

THE NSW "All Schools" team managed two draws and a narrow loss on its tour of South America.

The Aussies drew 1-1 in Argentina with Racing in Buenos Aires lost 1-0 to San Lorenzo and also drew 1-1 with Ferrocarril Oeste — all in the Argentina leg of the tour.

Coca Cola Camp

JOHN KOSMINA: to assist at February 11 soccer camp.

COCA Cola is sponsoring the Soccer Camp that boasts probably the best coaches ever to be together for a Sydney Soccer camp.

George Best, Dennis Law, Dusan Purac and Aussie favourite John Kosmina will be passing on their immense skills to the young players on Sunday February 11.

As expected places are filling quickly for the all day affair at NSW Soccer HQ at Valentine Park, Parklea

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Not content with these four world renowned coaches, Camp Director Mark Blythe has also signed up John Doyle — former Socceroo and National Ladies coach Glen Sterrey — Warringah Freshwater coach and ex-Blacktown City Player, Dave Flaskas — former Belrose-Terry Hills Premier League Champions of Champions coach and Graham Mahn — Forest and Manly Warringah Premier League goalkeeper to back up the title of the Ultimate Soccer Camp.

Players will be coached receive a unique Camp T-Shirt, lunch, can of Coke, certificate and have the chance to win some great prizes all for just $55

The new Australian Director of Coaching, Eddie Thomson, is also expected to be present to oversee the day's coaching.

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Piontek ready to quit

SEPP Piontek is ready to quit as Denmark's national team coach if the Danish Football Association fails to meet the terms he has laid down for a new contract.

The 46-year-old West German, who has been in charge since 1979, said he is prepared to go "no matter where" if the FA rejects his conditions.

"My salary demands are negotiable," he said, "but there is a limit.

Although his current salary is a well-kept secret, it is believed to be in the region of $160,000 a year, of which the Danish taxman is understood to take 60 per cent.

"It is not as high as coaches in Germany or in France," he said.

If the FA fail to meet his terms, Piontek is sure he will not find himself out of a job for long.

"I have been ranked the eighth best coach in the world and I would be tempted to try something new, whether it were in France, West Germany, Turkey or Saudi Arabia, no matter where so long as they offer the right conditions. I already turned down a golden opportunity two years ago when I was offered a contract by the Saudis.

Sepp Piontek

Piontek's contract expires on June 30, but he wants to extend it for six years with an improved salary.

"I reached agreement in principle to stay on for another six years in charge, four years as trainer and two as manager and technical adviser, after the World Cup qualifying match against Romania last November," he said.

"At that time I didn't discuss the financial conditions with the officials but I thought we could reach a suitable agreement."

However, a meeting with FA president Carl Nielsen ended in stalemate as Nielsen claimed Piontek's salary demands were excessive and he decided to refer the matter to the other members of the executive committee.

"I don't intend staying on at any price," Piontek said. "I haven't been fairly rewarded for the popularity of the Danish team, which attract large crowds and provides a good return for the Association."

Piontek accepted a salary cut of $24,000 a year after the team failed to reach the World Cup finals in Spain in 1982.

Club News

ADELAIDE Hellas is unlikely to pursue interest in former Adelaide City goalkeeper David Mower.

The big custodian, now based in NSW, made contact with the club but Hellas team manager Peter Nittos said talks were unlikely to get past the preliminary stages.

Hellas is keen to lure an experienced player or two to boost ranks but will take time to pursue any talent available.

New signings Billy Wright and Richard Miranda made their debuts in Hellas' win against Sydney Croatia.

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Preston Makedonia looks likely to be without three of its title hope keys for the remainder of the season.

Defender Alan Roodhouse has already been ruled out for the season following an ankle operation and he could be joined by talented young midfielder George Slifkas and champion striker Warren Spink.

Slifkas damaged his left knee and was carried off against Sydney Olympic in Round 11, whilst Spink's damaged ankle, which has restricted him to just three first team games this year, is likely to require an operation.

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BLACKTOWN CITY have released New Zealand striker Gary Parker, who was signed by desposed Demons coach Les Scheinflug only five weeks ago. Lee Sterrey is also about to leave the club.

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Socceroo Garry van Egmond has been sacked by his boss after asking for time off work to play against Torpedo Moscow — some patriotism!

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As a result of board elections held at Wollongong City's Annual General Meeting, the following have been elected to office:

Chairman Laurie B Kelly, Dep. Chairman Alan Walton, Secretary John Vlietstra, Treasurer Gino Chiodo, Ass. Sec. Treas. Fernando Moriera, Snr. Team Mgr Jack Zanier, Youth Team Mgr George Timov, Groundsman Sam Molinaro, Ass. Groundsman Lou Tobia, Kitman Jess Macchione, Promotions & Pub Michael Prodanovic, Offr Ass Prom & Pub O Robert Zanier, Bar Manager Robert Zanier, Turnstile Mgr Lou Tobia, Chief Steward Gus Previati (Security & Liaison).

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ADELAIDE City will have to make do without Paul Shillabeer and Charlie Villani for some time. Shillabeer has had an operation to remove a growth under this kneecap and Villani also underwent a knee operation.

JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

Blissful ignorance

I mention the following here not as criticism but to merely point out the almost total lack of link between senior football and the thousands of kids who play the game in this country.

Not ONE of the 200 odd kids who attended my coaching camps at Gold Creek Homestead in Canberra during the January holiday period could tell me when the Socceroos were playing their next games, let alone where and who would be their opponents.

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Champions Marconi are to be congratulated on many things, none the least being their first class match-day programme.

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Some radio times for football fans where the latest on the world game is discussed:

★ Saturday mornings — Gary Corvalth's Sports Show Radio 6PR Perth

★ Saturday morning — 2SSSFM Canberra from 8am

★ Saturday morning — Radio 5AN Adelaide 9.30am

★ Monday Afternoon — Radio 5AA Adelaide around 5.30pm

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I often wonder what the great Ferenc Puskas thinks of some of the criticism levelled at him since taking over as South Melbourne coach.

Most of us should be honoured to be in the same room as the great man, yet it seems the "in thing" is to have a go at the greatest former athlete living in this country.

Ferenc, who has forgotten more than we will ever know, is advised on tactics, style of play, fitness levels etc etc, even to the point where a journalist, with absolutely no background in the game at all, told a group of fans, myself among them, that Puskas was taking South Melbourne for a ride, that he was overrated and didn't know what he was doing at Hellas!!

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Italia '90 will feature all previous world champions — Argentina, West Germany, Italy, Uruguay, England, and Brazil.

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FIFA News, the official monthly publication of the world body, is never kind to Australia . . . a recent addition justifies the Oceania winner having to play off for a place in the finals by pointing to the fact that neither Australia (1985) or Israel (1989) was good enough to score one goal against their play-off opponents, Scotland and Colombia respectively . . . Australia losing 0-2 in Scotland and drawing 0-0 in Australia, Israel losing 0-1 in Colombia and drawing 0-0 in Israel.

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VIEWS will vary on the success or otherwise of "summer" soccer, however few can doubt that in the area of the print media "summer soccer" has been a huge success.

FERENC PUSKAS — "greatest former athlete living in Australia."

I can't recall a period when soccer was given so much well positioned space in the print media, especially when the NSL struggles to attract more than 20,000 fans each week.

Of course, one of the many reasons to go "summer" was to capitalise in this area, what with the absence of the other football codes.

Unfortunately, there are hundreds of other structural changes which have to be made before judging the summer change, like adequate lighting and spectator facilities.

Many reasons have been given for Marconi's increase in crowds in recent seasons.

I would suggest the main reason is a covered grandstand.

FANS HAVE THEIR SAY

IT as been suggested by some that that St George and Sydney Olympic should amalgamate to form arguably the strongest club in Australia.

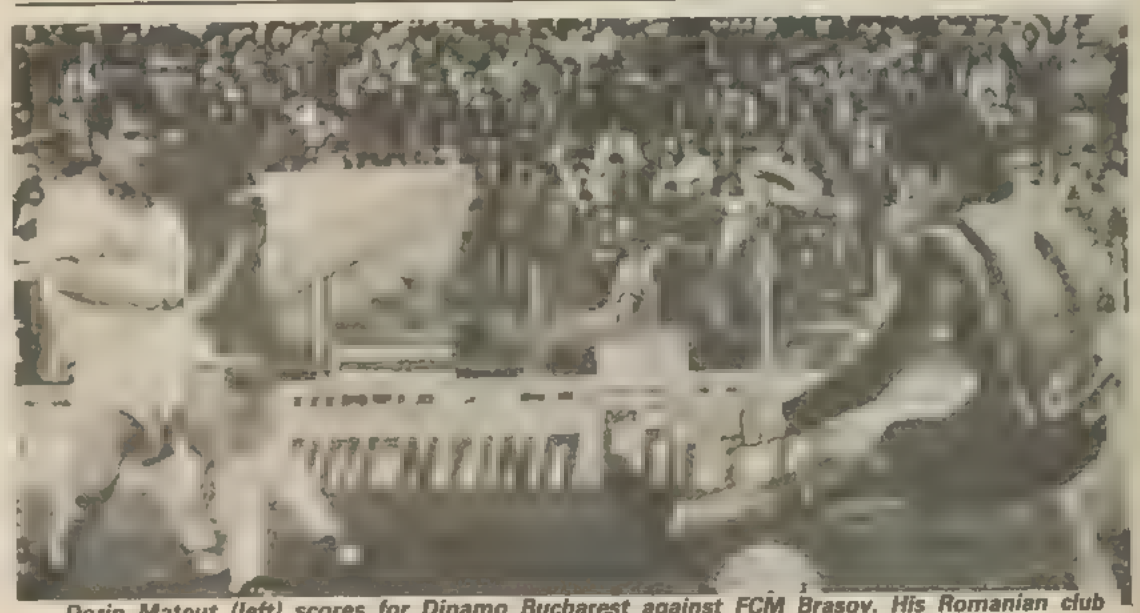
Fans agreeing with the amalgamation between Saints and Olympic can VOTE YES by dialling 0055 20526, those disagreeing can VOTE NO on 0055 20527.

The results of last week's opinion line asking who is the team to beat for this year championship resulted in a 64% vote in favour of Marconi.

CARECA OUTED

BRAZILIAN striker Careca injured his foot in training with Italian league leaders Napoli and will be out of action for a month.

Careca, a key figure in Brazil's expected 1990 World Cup side, splintered a small bone in his right foot.



Dorin Mateut (left) scores for Dinamo Bucharest against FCM Brasov. His Romanian club will have a new name — Unirea Tricolore — this year.

Glockner back after stint in Melbourne

This week GREG RUSSELL begins his popular Queensland column leading towards the 1990 season.

QUEENSLAND's 1988 Rothmans Medal winner, Stephen Glockner, has returned to Brisbane from a stint in Melbourne to team up with perennial XXXX League battlers, Taringa Rovers.

It will be the fourth Queensland club for the 25-year-old Glockner, who was a member of the 1983 Young Socceroos who went to Mexico

The former Annerley junior rose to prominence as a teenager playing in the National League with Brisbane City.

He then went to Olympic United where he won the Rothmans after a consistent season which included a host of goals.

Glockner opted for a move to Melbourne in an attempt to get back into the National League. He first trialled with Heidelberg, but did not settle, then moved to Brunswick Juventus

"Brunswick is a good club and I enjoyed my time there, but Melbourne is not really the place I would like to settle in," he said

Glockner was chased by a host of XXXX League clubs when it became known he was returning to Brisbane but he opted for Taringa because of the club stability, albeit without any trophy success in eight years of top division football

"Taringa have been promising a lot for a few years now and I've heard they went well last season," Glockner said. "They've held onto most of their players and have the same coach (Glenn Davis), which to me is an important factor "

Davis, who has been appointed for his third term as Taringa coach, believes Glockner will be the difference which will see Rovers break into the play-offs. Last season Taringa were kept out of the five on goal difference only by Easts, who went on to beat Lions in the grand final

"Steve's experience will be the biggest bonus," Davis said. "We have always had plenty of youth and enthusiasm, and now we will have someone who can take control in the tight situations."

The signing of Glockner will give Taringa one of the biggest forward lines in the league His striking partner is likely to be towering forward David Munn, who shone in the latter half of last year, and streaky youngster Shane Tollenaere, a state youth representative.

Steve Glockner in his Brisbane City days in action against South Melbourne's Steve Blair.

The only setback for Rovers supporters is they may not get to see their new bustling forward line at Speare Park. The club's home ground has been earmarked for council drainage work which could see the field dug-up and Taringa forced to play home games at another venue.

Club president Frank Speare has been negotiating with the Brisbane City Council, but believes that should he be unsuccessful in getting the work postponed to the next off-season, the benefit for the club will come in the long term.

Glockner's signing is one of the few major movements in a Queensland transfer market which has been strangely quiet so far this season.

North Star are one of the few clubs to be quick off the mark, although a number of other sides, including newly-promoted Acacia Ridge, are understood to have irons in the fire

North Star have lured Wynnum targetmen Geoff Maltby and eagerly-chased leftback Nick Seeley to O'Callaghan Park training.

Maltby nearly moved to the premiers last season, but opted to stay with the Wolves until the end of 1989 and leave if they missed promotion. Wynnum finished fourth

Seeley was one of the most outstanding young prospects in the Second Division last year and was on the shopping list of several clubs, including Lions

North Star see the young defender as a replacement for former State left back Gordon Buchanan, who indicated last year he would retire but has turned up at pre-season training.

In other possible transfers, the Ridge are talking to Lions pair Rob Farrow and David Hunter and are awaiting the arrival of two overseas imports.

Olympic's Paul and Mark Barry are understood to have gone to lower division club Souths United

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Queensland's indoor tour of America

BY GREG RUSSELL

QUEENSLAND are up against very experienced indoor teams in the USA on their current tour sponsored by American Airlines when they take on the Tacoma Stars, Wichita Wings, Dallas Sidekicks, Kansas City Comets and St Louis Storm

The Sidekicks are the defending MISL champions.

They are coached by former Queen's Park Rangers manager, Gordon Jago, who is now a part-owner of the club

Tacoma and Kansas have featured prominently in the MISL semi-finals for the past four years

The Sidekicks last week were beaten 4-3 by Tacoma in a thriller, but still maintained their spot at the top of the Western Division table

St Louis Storm are third in the Division, fractionally ahead of Tacoma while Wichita and Kansas are second and third respecitvely in the Eastern Division

Coach Bruce Stowell is aware of how tough the tour is.

He is rightly worried his players won't have much time getting accustomed to the type of indoor game played in the US, which is unknown in Australia

"There is a very particular way of playing off the boards as we found out in the Super 6 tournament," Stowell said

From the videos of the MISL that I have watched the American teams seem to have mastered it very well.

"In many ways we will be learning as we go, but if everyone plays to the match plan and puts in the running also required, I am sure we will be competitive."

Stowell, and his assistant Mal Bland, have drilled the squad since the tour was mooted early in November with several players looking fitter now than they did at the end of the XXXX League season

Of the 10 cut from the squad after trials, several have trained on as standby players with Stowell stressing that he would not hesitate cutting anyone whose standard dropped.

The tourists even were subjected to a weigh-in when they returned from two weeks off over training

AIS BOSS GOES NORTH

AUSTRALIAN Institute of Sport coach Ron Smith made the most of his recent trip to Queensland.

Smith was invited to Brisbane to be the guest coach on Bruce Stowell's level three live-in course at the Mount Gravatt CAE.

Ron Smith

At the same time he got the best possible look at Queensland's latest crop of youngsters with a squad of 24 talented youth players invited in as the course "guinea-pigs".

The presence of the youngsters was no coincidence. The players, who come from Cairns to the border, are all eligible for the next AIS intake, Stowell considered it an ideal opportunity for them to enhance their scholarship claims by being the working material at the camp

"It was a learning experience for the coaches on the course and the players," Stowell said. "There are some fine prospects among the group and I think everyone beneffitted from them being there. It certainly gave Ron an ideal opportunity to look at the players in high level coaching situations "

The level three was one of the most successful staged by Stowell

He closed the course with 21 coaches, a 30 percent increase on previous courses.

The aspiring level three coaches include XXXX League players Phil Kerr and Brian MacNicol and former state youth player Glenn Sheppard.

Stowell was assisted by Brisbane director of coaching Mal Bland and Gold Coast director Jim Selby

- QUEENSLAND TOUR ITINERARY -

JANUARY 22: Versus Tacoma Stars (Tacoma Dome)
JANUARY 23: Arrive Wichita — versus Wichita Wings (Kansas Arena)
JANUARY 24: Arrive Dallas
JANUARY 25: Versus Dallas Sidekicks (Reunion Arena)
JANUARY 26-27: Free days (possibly including golf tournament)
JANUARY 28: Arrive Kansas
JANUARY 29: Training
JANUARY 30: Versus Kansas City Comets (Kemper Arena)
JANUARY 31: Arrive St Louis — versus St Louis Storm
FEBRUARY 1: Depart via Los Angeles

Bob West to coach Capalaba

POPULAR Geordie Bob West has been appointed coach of Bayside sleeping giant, Capalaba.

West has been recruited by the lower division club after successful stints at Wynnum, Acacia Ridge and Mount Gravatt

The club is hoping West can arrest the slide which has seen Capalaba drop to the bottom of Division Three and harness the enormous junior potential in the area

West comes to Capalaba after gaining his level three coaching badge. His rise to first team coach comes after a hard-working but successful coaching apprenticeship in the lower grades.

West started his coaching career at Mount Gravatt in 1987 where he took the open Colts to runners-up spot in the league. In 1988, he guided Acacia Ridge Division Two reserves to runners-up and a grand final appearance.

Last season, with limited playing depth, he steered Wynnum to fourth place in Division Two and guided them to the preliminary final.

West was attracted to Capalaba by a new-look committee headed by the dynamic Peter Thomson.

"Capalaba is a club which has shown that it is both determined and ambitious in its attitude," West said. "It has ambitions to match my own "

"My own personal goal is to coach a premier division club and if that club can be Capalaba, then nobody will be more delighted than me

"This club has a lot to offer and a large population base on which to draw. Ideally, I want to blend a team together for youth and experience, a combination that I have found to be more than successful in the past."

In a change from tradition, the Capalaba committee has appointed West for a three-year term, recognising there is a strong base from which to advance. The committee have guaranteed West and his coaching team their total support.

In return West has indicated that the playing staff and coaches will be setting the highest standards possible

Although West is yet to appoint his reserve team coach, the Capalaba thirds will be coached this season by club stalwart Ted Coates. The club also is close to appointing a junior director of coaching.

Pre-season training stars at Capalaba on January 23, at 7.30pm. All new and former players are invited to attend

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PROMOTING A STATE OF HEALTH

POPULAR Polonia player Eddie Koza played his 200th match on Friday in the Ampol Cup aginst Azzurri.

Meanwhile clubmen Kurt Leitner and Steve Koutsouvelis are back training but are unlikely to play until the League kick-off.

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THE Ampol Cup night series in SA is bringing some outstanding young talent to the fore.

Croatia's Doug Paterson, Peno Giannitto, Graham Scott and Joe Cuotilo of Azzurri and Adelaide City's Enzo Perre, Paul Pezos and Ron Grasso have caught the eye so far.

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DAVE Martin will have a valuable twin role this season with Second Division Seaford.

He has been appointed junior coach and also fills a supervisory role as junior colts co-ordinator.

Seaford has a good track record of promoting youngsters.

Steve Marsh has been reappointed reserves coach with Dick Griffin assistant to Brown.

Seaford meets Salisbury on Saturday from 3pm in a trial at Brahma Lodge. It will hold a pre-season players' disco on February 24 after travelling to Camden that day to meet Birkalla in its final trial.

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NUGGETY Modbury midfielder Bryan Kent is sporting a kingsize bruise on his ankle after luckily surviving a leg break in the opening Ampol Cup tie against Polonia.

Kent was involved in a heavy collision and it looked as if his leg was broken as he was helped off the field.

But severe bruising and some ligament damage was the outcome and he is back in light training.

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CLUB stalwart John Mann has been appointed coach of boom First Division amateur side Salisbury Inter for next season.

He takes over from Gerry Pettit who now is with Polonia.

Experienced Alan Strain may join the side this year from Apac.

USC Lion-Grange has signed defender Zeljko Bilandzic from Port.

He will join Inglewood Kiev striker William Nathaniel and Para Hills pair Dave Conway and John Klein as Lion recruits. Stalwart defender Ian May, though, has retired.

Adelaide Croatia had import striker Ivan Zarbic cleared to play in the holder's opening Ampol Cup match against Salisbury.

Zerbic is likely to play two games in South Australia after gaining immigration clearance but may stay for the season.

Croatia has appointed former player Frank Eddie as reserve team coach.

This sliding tackle by Socceroo defender Alex Tobin robbed Zlatko Arambasic of the ball when Adelaide City beat Blacktown City 2-1 at the Gabbie on January 5.

ACT Coaching Course

TOM SERMANNI

The final part of the ACT's Level Three coaching course will be held on March 17, 18 and 19, ACTSF vice-president Steve Darby announced. There are 18 people on the course, including five from Sydney. Those taking part include Canberra Croatia coach Tom Sermanni, Tony Romero who guides the fortunes of ACT first division club Weston Creek, ACT under 18 boss Tony Radford, Oscar Langone the former Croatia youth coach and Mike Milovanovic of Belconnen United. Darby said it was unlikely that the ACT would begin another level three course this year. "Because we had not had one for some time we had a build-up of applicants, and it is uncertain we will face a similar demand at least until 1991," he added. "However, there is a full program of level 0, 1 and 2 courses planned for the year."

— GRAHAM COOKE

Ampol pledges support

AMPOL's new SA and NT manager Ted Wziontek has pledged the Australian oil giant's continued support of its prestige, preseason night soccer series.

"The company now is in its 31st year of Ampol Cup sponsorship and is well pleased with the support of the SA Soccer Federation supporters and media here," said Mr Wziontek, 40.

"The competition has gone exceptionally well and we have budgeted to support it again next year."

AMPOL

Mr Wziontek, who took over from Mr Bill Arthur, was at Hindmarsh on Friday for his first glimpse of Ampol action.

A keen watcher of soccer, Mr Wziontek, born in Shanghai of Polish descent, has a sporting background.

He came to Australia at 18 months of age, and has spent most of his time here in Brisbane and Sydney.

He played grade rugby union with Brothers in Brisbane and was a B-grade competitive squash player in Sydney. He also played tennis competitively there and wants to continue in Adelaide.

Best to play Hobart match

BY WALTER PLESS

GEORGE Best will play an exhibition match in Hobart on the evening of Wednesday, January 31, and a huge crowd can be expected to attend.

Best visited Tasmania in July last year and 2000 people turned up at Devonport City's Valley Road ground for the charity match.

Two or three times that number can be expected in the capital city of a State that is starved of international soccer visits.

Best will turn out for the Wrest Point Hotel Casino XI against a British Airways XI which will be managed by former Scottish international Denis Law.

George Best keeps up to date with the latest Aussie news.

The Wrest Point Hotel Casino and British Airways, together with Cascade and Samboy Chips are the major sponsors of the visit to Tasmania, which has been organised by Ken Morton and the Olympia club.

Wrest Point will provide Best and Law with luxury accommodation and a stretch limousine for transport during their stay in Hobart, while British Airways will donate two airline tickets to Singapore as a raffle prize.

Best and Law will be the guest speakers at a sportsmen's dinner at the Hellenic club on Tuesday evening, January 30.

Olympia will conduct junior coaching sessions on the Tuesday and Wednesday and all participants will be presented with T-shirts and certificates by Law at Wednesday's match.

Mr Rose Marshall, the public relations manager of Wrest Point, said his organisation had supported soccer for many years and was only too pleased to assist with the visit of Best and Law.

"We'll be providing them with accommodation and looking after them while they're here with on the ground support," Mr Marshall said.

"Billy Connolly will be appearing here at the same time, which is good because I believe Billy and George are great mates."

Chris Douramanis, an Olympia official said that his club's aim was to promote soccer in Tasmania and that, thanks to the assistance of Wrest Point and British Airways, the club had taken up the challenge of bringing Best and Law to the State.

"Our aim is to promote soccer and to give people the opportunity to meet some big stars," Mr Douramanis said.

"Ken Morton must also get a lot of the credit for initiating the whole thing. He's not only a good coach but a good organiser."

The two teams contain not only some of the stars of present-day Tasmanian soccer, but also several great names from the past.

Wrest Point Hotel Casino XI squad: Mick Roussos, Brian MacKay, Mark Leszczynski, Ken Morton, Larry Nunn, David Smith, George Best, Alistair Hales, Tommy Wright, David Stoddart, Paul Xanthopoulos, Steve Craven, Harry Stewart, David Crosson and George Parolas.

British Airways XI squad: Eddie Puchin, Ron Di Felice, Ahmad Abdaltam, Eamon Kelly, Dominic Frarraccio, Eugene Mycak, John Genovesi, Sergio Pace, Ian Parker, Milan Lukoseljac, Bernard Siggins, Steve Smith, Frank Letec, Nick Lapolla and Billy Kendrick.

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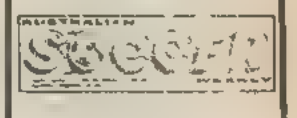

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NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE NORTH

BY ANDY CURTIS and PETER ROMEO

ST GEORGE 0 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1

Sydney Olympic nearly scored in the 30th minute when Lou Trianatafilou squared the ball across the face of goal for Pablo Cardozo to miss the ball completely with the goal at his mercy.

Tony Dakos

The deadlock was finally broken just before half time when Eric Hristodoulou scored with a fantastic 40-metre drive in the 43rd minute.

The second half saw the resilient Saints defence continually foil Olympic as good midfield build-ups were nullified by strong tackles and timely interceptions.

ST GEORGE: Sela, Jarvis, Morakeas, Haragil, Hickman, Petrides, Poric, Jeremic, Ziderman, Adloski, Kakaklos, Freestone.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Refenes, Paleologous, Badrov, Scott, Georgopoulos, Hristodoulou, Alexandrakis, Trianfafilou, Cardoza, Spyridakos, Balatzis (Andrikopoulos).

MELITA EAGLES 0 AIS 0

IN an entertaining match at Melita Stadium, home side Melita Eagles took on visitors AIS.

Both teams played enterprising soccer and created many opportunities.

In the 15th minute, Cabral for Melita found Pintos on the fly who linked up with Gimenez on the right. Gimenez with a first-time cross found Parison in the centre and his overhead kick merely shaved the AIS crossbar.

In the 40th minute after some good build-up play in the centre by AIS, Trajanovski took the ball into the Melita penalty area. The advancing 'keeper Marco pounced on the ball put coughed it back up to Tranjonovski whose shot from four metres out was only saved by some desperate Melita defence.

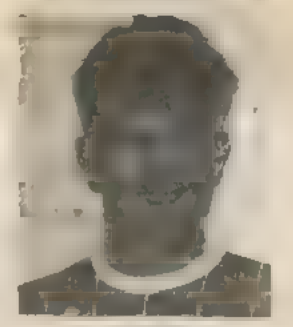
With the scores dead locked 0-0 at half-time the best chance for a score in the second half came in the 80th minute when Trajanovski again for AIS was put through by the creative Sollad.

His left throughball allowed Trajanovski a clear shot from the edge of the penalty area but again the keeper saved.

MELITA EAGLES: Marco, Souris, Rizzotto, Curmi, Hall, Cabral, Perinich, Pintos, Parison, Gimenez, Aravena, Novokment, Dickinson.

AIS: Juric, Coliba, Romaniuk, Pangallo, Sollad, Cranney, Corica, Trajanovski, Maloney, Hillier.

WOLLONGONG 0 SYDNEY CROATIA 2



David Batten

New boy David Batten in the 50th minute and Kardum in the 53rd steered Croatia to a comfortable win at Brandon Park.

MARCONI 4 APIA LEICHHARDT 1

Marconi shocked leaders Apia with four goals in the 15 minutes prior to half-time to earn a good win.

The first half hour was very even with play based around the midfield and no real chances being created.

However, in the 32nd minute of play, Marconi's Lopez was sent into the clear, on the left, he held the ball up brilliantly, and seeing Villella racing down the middle put a low cross towards the oncoming striker who cracked it from 20 metres to give Butera no chance in the Apia goal.

Eight minutes later Marconi went further ahead when Suzer was sent in the clear on the right. He passed to Messina who shot from the corner of the box to score.

Marconi continued their goalscoring spree when A. Surjan received the ball near the byeline and proceeded to beat three defenders before rifling in an individualist goal.

In injury time a Marconi player was pulled down when attempting his shot in the box and Colucci calmly slotted the ball into the net from the penalty spot.

The start of the second half saw APIA come out strongly keen to pull some goals back and in the 52nd minute they were rewarded after sustained pressure when Schwarzer failed to hold onto a powerful shot from McQuarrie and Reda was there to slot the ball into an open goal.

APIA attacked for long periods in the second half but were foiled by some good defense plus some excellent goalkeeping from young Schwazer.

MARCONI: Schwarzer, Carfuccio, Surjan, Mammone, Charlwood, Surjan (Clune), Suzer, Colucci, Villella (Lovan), Messina, Lopez.

APIA: Butera, Franze, Reyes, Pattenon, Stankovic, Granato, Kdouh, Theodorakopoutos (Lahanas), Beaufils, Reda, Pisano.

Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
APIA	9	4	3	2	11	9	11
St George	7	4	1	2	11	7	9
Sydney Olympic	7	4	1	2	8	4	9
AIS	6	3	2	1	11	4	8
Melita Eagles	8	3	2	3	7	10	8
Marconi	7	2	2	3	9	7	6
Blacktown City	8	2	2	4	9	8	6
Wollongong City	8	2	2	4	7	10	6
Sydney Croatia	8	2	2	4	9	18	6

Goalscorers

Trajanovski AIS 4, Poric St George 4, Parison Melita Eagles 3, Sorras AIS 3, Cardozo Sydney Olympic 3.

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Socceroo Ian Gray gets his header away against Torpedo Moscow at the Sydney Football Stadium last Friday. The Soviets won 2-0 — HECTOR CARRRASCO photo.

Geelong Advertiser Cup

BY ROY HAY

THE Geelong Advertiser Cup, Victoria's premier non-metropolitan tournament, kicks off this week with last year's winner, North Geelong, and host club, Geelong, the favourites.

North also won the Victorian Division Two league last season, while Geelong came fifth.

Bell Park is the other contender having led Division Three from start to finish last season.

In the opener tonight (Wednesday) Bell Park plays Hamlyn Rangers in Group B, while North Geelong takes on Corio Geelong United in Group A. Bell Park and North should win.

On Friday, it is the turn of Geelong and the select team from the Western Victoria Soccer Association, the local amateur league, to clash in Group B.

East Geelong meets Brintons in the encounter between the two Provisional League sides in Group A.

Geelong must be a racing certainty, while East and Brintons could well end in a draw.

League re-organisation has nominally given all of Geelong's five Victorian league teams promotion to higher divisions but in fact they remain just as far from the State Super League as they were last season, with tougher competition to face to stay where they are.

If the VSF has done the clubs no favours, then they have not made things easy for themselves.

Two clubs won their leagues last season, North Geelong and Bell Park.

In neither case will the winning coach be with the team this season, and indeed only two senior coaches in Geelong retain their posts. Paul McGurnahan, who replaced Hugh McFarlane at Geelong Soccer Club half-way through last year and Harry Mills at Brintons.

Continuity is not the name of the game in Geelong.

North turns to club stalwart Mate Parmac who has coached the club to success in the past, while Bell Park replaces David Huddart with another former coach, George Train.

Ian McCarthy takes over at Hamlyn Rangers and ex-Polonia star Brendan Lakic will be player-coach at Corio-Geelong United.

Long serving club man, Peter Stamatovski, has taken on the coaching job at East Geelong.

Most clubs will be relying on last year's squads, plus the local youth players for the Advertiser Cup, with few big name imports on the horizon.

Tommy Cumming is unlikely to return to Bell Park after two very successful years, leaving the striking role to Mick Oppermann recovering from a broken leg, Mark Linney and youngster Cedo Rakic.

Paul McGurnahan has been out with knee problems since his return from Ireland, and is likely to let the team find its feet before rejoining the fray himself.

Geelong is likely to sign a big central defender from Ireland to cover a notorious weakness in recent years.

National YL South

Close shave for Melbourne Croatia

BY ROY HAY

MELBOURNE Croatia, with John Markovski, Steve Horvat and new keeper, David Millar, from Adelaide Hellas in the team, just scraped home in the end to win 2-1 against a plucky North Geelong at Somers Street.

John Markovski

Mark Silic put Croatia ahead in seven minutes, finishing off a move which began with Horvat's long ball forward to Josip Bacack, whose cross set up Silic. Horvat scored the second with a close range effort following a corner on the right, but Croatia should have scored several goals in the first half.

Zoran Roso rocked the leaders with a freekick into the top corner two minutes into the second half and in the dying minutes Miro Stosic's header looped over the keeper and off the bar to safety. In between Markovski hit the post but it was North's youngsters who deserve most credit for a gutsy performance in which they matched the big names for 90 minutes.

Geelong City went down at home to Sunshine George Cross by 3-1. Athan Zacharias broke away for Georgie and he then cut the ball back for Jason Farrugia to put the visitors ahead. Fitzpatrick had the ball in the net for City but was flagged offside.

City equalised straight after half-time as Charles Fitzpatrick was pulled back as he ran in on goal. He picked himself up to score with the penalty kick.

In the 86th minute Kevin Muscat found space to shoot and though Adam Oates in the City goal got a hand to the ball he could not keep it out. Athan Zacharias made George Cross secure with a third solo goal just on full-time.

East Richmond's good home record was dented by South Melbourne Hellas White which won 5-1.

Con Boutsianis returned after injury to score a hat-trick while Peter Nikolakopoulos and Peter Haloulos netted the others.

Hellas added Michael Michalakopoulos to the line up which eventually overran the home team. Anastasios Kalantzis scored for East Richmond.

Altona Gate had a comfortable 4-1 win against Heidelberg United at Paisley Park.

Sasha Simovski, Robert Veljanovski, Goran Lozanovski and Trajce Latomanski shared the Altona Gate goals, but coach, Steve Trajkovski felt it could have been an even more emphatic victory. Heidelberg's consolation goal came from a penalty converted by George Nitsou.

It was one-way traffic at Walker Street as Clifton Hill crashed at home 6-0 against Melbourne City JUST. Tony Markovski scored a hat-trick, Saso Beevinovski got two and Zoran Ovuka one but it was the unselfish display by Micky Soldatovic which caught the eye as he continually set up his colleagues.

Caulfield City lost at home 3-1 against Preston Makedonia. Joe Markovac, Zdravko Trajkovski and Kris Emsovski were the scorers for Preston which is now marching up the ladder after an indifferent start.

Caulfield had two players sent off in the first 15 minutes but the nine men took the lead through Nick Rappadopoulos and Preston only got on top in the last quarter of an hour.

Results

Melbourne Croatia 2 (Silic, Horvat) North Geelong 1 (Roso). Geelong City 1 (Fitzpatrick) Sunshine George Cross 3 (Farrugia, Muscat, Zacharias). South Melbourne Hellas Blue bye. East Richmond 1 (Kalantzis) South Melbourne Hellas White 5 (Boutsianis 3, Haloulos, Nikolakopoulos). Altona Gate 4 (Simovski, Lozanovski, Veljanovski, Latomanski) Heidelberg United 1 (Nitsou) Clifton Hill 0 Melbourne City JUST 6 (Markovski 3, Beevinovski 2, Ovuka). Caulfield City (Pappadopoulos) Preston Makedonia 3 (Markovac, Trajkovski, Emsovski).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melbourne Croatia	9	9	0	0	29	[illegible]	18
Altona Gate	9	8	0	2	31	9	16
SMHW	12	[illegible]	[illegible]	3	23	[illegible]	16
Sunshine GC	11	6	3	2	28	19	15
Melb City JUST	11	5	3	3	27	18	13
Geelong City	[illegible]	5	[illegible]	5	8	[illegible]	[illegible]
Preston Make	9	5	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	3	10
Nth Geelong	10	4	0	6	23	23	8
East Richmond	10	4	0	6	19	23	8
Heidelberg Utd	11	3	2	6	13	24	8
Caulfield City	10	0	4	6	11	23	4
Clifton Hill	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6	3	29	2
SMHB	9	0	1	8	6	30	1

DIVISION TWO SEASON REVIEW

Classy Macedonians deserved promotion

A PAUL GOODWIN FEATURE

PREMIERS and a dominant force in Second Division last season, Yagoona-based Sydney Macedonia is expected to prove more than a match for whatever the existing First Division clubs have to offer.

Right from the start the side looked the part and always appeared the team to beat, not allowing themselves to be distracted from the job in hand when the rain brought about severe disruption to their match programme

Fabian Kadric

back, earning the Clubman of the Year award for his efforts

The midfield was a potent force with Leon Arcosa and Jorge Fernandez industrious and full of flair, backing up Sasha Spirovski, another, like Pilovski, recruited from Rockdale, who continued to display a lot of class.

The sheer energy and running of Scott Gilbert and Fabian Kadric caught many a defence off guard and these two helped themselves to a swag of goals.

son the only reversals were against top four rivals Dulwich Hill and Fairy Meadow, both by the odd goal over one weekend at the end of July

Kadric and Gilbert finished first and third respectively on the overall goalscorers' list for the Division with the former receiving a special trophy from his own club to mark his achievements

Training for the new season began on January 5 and everyone associated with the club has high hopes for the new season.

Improvements to the ground at Jensen Park are on the drawing board, with a scaffolded stand accommodating over 800 people planned and a player's race included in a series of improvements which should see the ground handed over to soccer exclusively once the current cricket season is over.

The club has purchased land behind the ground which could be used to build a clubhouse behind one goal.

In a move sure to please those anxious to see more professionalism in the game, a full-time salaried administrator has been appointed with his chief responsibility being to secure the club's financial position.

Sponsors Truscott's Toyota have doubled their 1989 support to $10,000, and, with major help from the Macedonian community the team should manage to meet its increased commitments and challenge strongly for honours in their first attempt at State League First Division football

The all-conquering 1989 Sydney Macedonia squad with coach Frank Lang and officials.

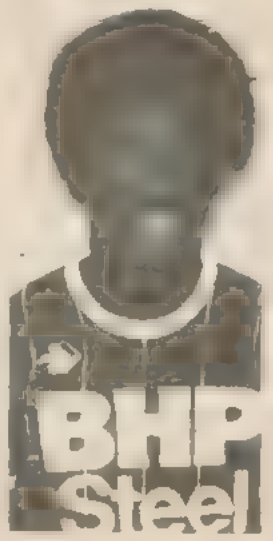
The team, under astute coach Frank Lang, was super-fit, in training from a very early date and had no difficulty coping with the hectic last few weeks when games were played back-to-back over several weekends

A high level of fitness or simply good fortune with their low injury tally, helped the team enjoy an almost trouble-free run throughout the year

The team had a First Division look about it and performed exceptionally well in all departments.

Goalkeeper John Filan, on loan from St George, had a relatively quiet time of it, but managed to impress many with some faultless displays, including his old coach Frank Arok who took over the team for its last few matches when Lang had to return to Hungary

Billy Pilovski, as sweeper, brought class to the backline and his partner Mark Reveley, also with First Division experience at Melita, was a rock at centre



LEON ARCOSA

There were few poor performances and apart from the 3-1 loss at Bathurst in mid-sea

Gary Power

Training referees

BY GRAHAM COOKE

A revolutionary plan for the training of young referees has met with "staggering" success, the Referees and Schools Development officer for the NSW Soccer Federation, Gary Power, said.

"The people who have gone through the program are, on average, two years ahead of those who have been trained according to normal methods," he said

Power, himself a senior NSL official, has pioneered the scheme in the Sydney area.

It involves a trainee, official actually taking the field with an instructor during a junior game.

The trainee follows the instructor everywhere he goes, literally learning on the job.

After three games the learner takes over the whistle, while still under the eye of the instructor who can point out errors and discuss the handling of the game afterwards

All this is coupled with the more traditional lectures in things like turn-out and handling crowds

"Our research found that 75 per cent of referees who joined up at 14 had quit by the time they reached 18," Power said "That was a terrible wastage.

"Apart from improving the quality of training, this scheme is designed to bind the guys to their association while creating the conditions where they can advance rapidly and achieve satisfaction.

"It's been given a tremendous reception by the established referees.

"One senior member in Sutherland said it was the most exciting development he'd seen in 30 years association with the game"

The program has been put on trial extensively in four Sydney associations — Sutherland, Ku-ring-gai, Granville and Southern Districts — and in Wagga.

Shinguards this year

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE use of shinguards by players has been made compulsory by the NSW Soccer Federation from the beginning of the 1990 season.

The decision is automatic as FIFA and subsequently the Australian Soccer Federation have passed on the ruling

No doubt all other Australian states are also acting in accordance with the FIFA edict

The purposes of the ruling are

1. The prevention of leg injuries such as fractures haematomas and bruises

2. To limit bacterial and viral infections by preventing the occurence of open wounds

Already leg injuries have been considerably limited in countries where the wearing of shinguards is already compulsory.

Many manufacturers have moved into the field, and have finalised their models which have been submitted to Australian football organisations for approval.

An interesting procedure has been laid down to bring in the new order with as little fuss as possible

Here is the way in which the arrangements will be applied.

Referees will be asked to ensure that players (including substitutes) are wearing approved shinguards when their footwear is checked before the match

They are to point out to any player who is not wearing approved shinguards that it is compulsory to do so in NSW Soccer Federation competitions

If the player refuses to comply with this requirement or removes the shinguards during the game the referee will be required to report the matter to the Federation. The Federation will then impose the appropriate sanction

In circumstances where a player claims he is unable to continue wearing shinguards due to an injury sustained, the player will be requested to leave the field, and receive attention for the alleged injury and will be required to replace the shinguard before resuming his place on the field.

Referees who fail to implement these procedures will have points deducted by the match inspector, and will be reported to the Australian Soccer Referees' Federation Executive.

The Best and Law Show

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Australian Institute of Sport starlets

BY GRAHAM COOKE

ON past records at least half, possibly two thirds of the Australian Institute of Sport squad will go on to play their soccer at NSL level or overseas. To identify the stars of the future, a series of profiles are being run on the Institute youngsters currently performing in the summer National Youth League.

Tony Pangallo

MIDFIELDER Tony Pangallo is one member of the Australian Institute of Sport squad who needs little introduction to ACT soccer fans, having played for Canberra Croatia in the NSW League over the past couple of seasons.

His earliest memories of playing date back to his early childhood in Griffith. "I was in my Dad's shop when one of my friends came in and said he was trying out for the local team and did I want to come along?" he said. "I was about eight at the time."

There followed seven years with North Griffith before his family moved to Canberra when he was 15 and he signed first for Belconnen United, then Canberra City's youth team.

The most exciting moment of his career so far came with his selection for Australia in the under 16 World Cup in Scotland.

There were some who thought he had been fortunate to squeeze into the squad, but he proved the critics wrong with a series of sparkling performances, including a goal and the man-of-the-match award against the United States.

With that kind of record, a scholarship at the AIS became a near-certainty and at the completion of the last winter season Pangallo moved in with the institute squad.

Like many of his fellows, he has found the regime at the AIS a revelation. "There is so much discipline here in the team and out of it," he said. "It is developing my skills and my confidence."

His immediate aim is to represent Australia again, this time at youth level in the 1991 World Cup, and to establish himself in the NSL.

"And in the longer term I wouldn't mind trying overseas professional soccer, possibly in Italy," he said.

Jason Koliba

EVER since he came to the Australian Institute of Sport to take part in an indoor soccer tournament, Melbourne youngster Jason Koliba has wanted to come back.

"I loved every minute of it — it seemed such an important and exciting place," he said.

At the beginning of the year he realised his ambition and gained selection in the AIS soccer squad currently competing in the National Youth League.

It was always on the cards that young Jason would be bidding for a spot among the country's elite.

As a junior at the Ardeer club in Melbourne he was playing at under-11 level by the time he was nine, moving on to Sunshine George Cross at 14 and then to the South Melbourne National Youth League side by 15.

The stopper to sweeper — "I have always been a back person" — also represented Victoria at under 13, 14, 15 and youth levels.

It has been a busy year, with the current NYL summer season beginning almost as soon as the winter one had been completed, but Koliba isn't complaining.

"I am enjoying myself and my form is improving — the Institute is a continual learning process," he said.

Defender Jason Koliba

"Anyway, I prefer playing soccer in the summer.

"I would like to go back to the NSL when I leave here.

"Either Sydney or Melbourne as I am not attached to any club. It's a good competition although I wish the crowds would improve."

But like most of his fellow team members he sees his long-term future overseas "probably in Germany or Austria.

"Ever since I was little I have admired the German game and I have plenty of relatives there."

His favourite Australian players are South Melbourne's Steve Blair and Paul Trimboli — "Blair because he plays in the same position as I do and Trimboli because of his incredible talent."

Overseas, the team he most admires is Bayern Munich, while he looks up to Barcelona's Dutch-born central defender Ronald Koeman.

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Letters to the Editor

World Cup

WHAT a joke that Costa Rica, the United Arab Emirates and the USA will be going to the World Cup instead of teams like France, Denmark, Paraguay — and Australia.

The qualification system must be changed.

PETER LANARCA,
Toongabbie, NSW

Marconi

AS a Marconi fan, I am worried about the team's form this season.

Their 7-0 whipping of St George early in the competition looks like it was a flash in the pan.

The management should have added new players during the off-season. Several so-called "stars" are just not performing.

I also have problems with coach Berti Mariani's selection decisions.

CLAUDIO LAROSA,
Cabramatta, NSW

Women's World Cup

Easier for Aussies

BY GRAHAM COOKE

AUSTRALIA will have to win its way into the finals of the 1991 women's World Cup in China by beating its old rival, New Zealand, AWSA executive director Heather Reid said.

"We thought at first that it would be an invitation tournament, but it now appears there will be an Oceania qualifying competition which could also involve nations such as Fiji and Papua New Guinea," she said.

The development is probably favourable to Australia, who would have difficulty in making a case for inclusion on the basis of its most recent matches against the Kiwis.

However, with its young team having just completed a successful tour of Japan under new coach Steve Darby, it is likely it now has the measure of a New Zealand side probably passed its best.

And one other major obstacle also seems to have been removed with Chinese Taipei's participation in the Asian Championships.

"We are not quit certain but we believe FIFA will recognise those championships as a qualifying series for the cup," Reid said.

"There are three places available from Asia and as Taipei reached the final they have already qualified."

Chinese Taipei has been a member of Oceania up until now, winning the confederation's cup competition in Australia last year.

Reid said everything now revolved around when FIFA wanted the Oceania qualifying competition to take place.

CAROL VINSON

JULIE MURRAY

"It is important we know details soon as we will need to seek the return of our two players in Europe, Julie Murray and Carol Vinson.

"And we have also been invited to attend a tournament in China next August which will also involve the US, Yugoslavia, Italy and Norway.

"This would be excellent preparation against quality opposition in the environment where the World Cup will be played."

Darby agreed. "But my thinking has to be angled towards New Zealand," he said.

"Everything we do over the next year has to have that one aim of beating the Kiwis."

The World Cup finals will consist of 12 nations: three from Asia, including host China: five from Europe and one each from Oceania, North and Central America, South America, and Africa.

The European qualifying competitions are well under way with the following results so far:

Group 1: Holland, Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland. No matches to date.

Group 2: Poland 1 France 3, Sweden 4 Poland 1. Table, Sweden 2, France 2, Poland 0.

Group 3: Finland 0 Norway 1, England 0 Finland 0, Norway 4 Belgium 0. Table: Norway 4, England 1, Finland 1, Belgium 0.

Group 4: West Germany 0 Hungary 0, Soviet Union 2 Bulgaria 0. Table: Soviet Union 2, West Germany 1, Hungary 1, Bulgaria 0.

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HISTORY OF THE WORLD CUP (FRANCE 1938)

ROUND 1

SWITZERLAND v GERMANY	1-1
SWITZERLAND v GERMANY	4-2 (replay)
CUBA v ROMANIA	3-3
CUBA v ROMANIA	2-1 (replay)
HUNGARY v DUTCH EAST INDIES	6-0
FRANCE v BELGIUM	3-1
CZECHOSLAVAKIA v HOLLAND	3-0
BRAZIL v POLAND	6-5
ITALY v NORWAY	2-1

ROUND 2

SWEDEN v CUBA	8-0
HUNGARY v SWITZERLAND	2-0
ITALY v FRANCE	3-1
BRAZIL v CZECHOSLOVAKIA	1-1
BRAZIL v CZECHOSLAVAKIA	2-1 (replay)

SEMI-FINALS

ITALY v BRAZIL	2-1
HUNGARY v SWEDEN	5-1

THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF

BRAZIL v SWEDEN	5-1

FINAL

ITALY v HUNGARY	4-2

at Paris. Crowd: 65,000.

ITALY: Olivieri, Foni, Rava, Serantoni, Andreolo, Locatelli, Biavati, Meazza, Piola, Ferrari, Colaussi.

HUNGARY: Szabo, Polgar, Biro, Szalay, Szucs, Lazar, Sas, Vincze, Sarosi, Zsengeller, Titkos.

SCORERS: Colaussi (2), Piola (2) for Italy; Titkos, Sarosi for Hungary.

REFEREE: Capdeville (France).

LEADING SCORER: Leonidas (Brazil) 8.

ARGENTINA wished to stage the 1938 World Cup, but in spite of the mounting political tension in Europe, France was chosen — and Argentina would have to wait 40 years for their turn to come.

The competition attracted 36 entries with 16 qualifying for the finals.

Uruguay, still worried by the crisis of professionalism, again refused to participate, as did a peeved Argentina.

Spain was in the throes of civil war, and Austria, having qualified, were forcibly withdrawn when it was swallowed up by an increasingly belligerent Germany.

No less than 11 of the countries who competed four years earlier were present, and the newcomers were Poland, Norway, Cuba, and the Dutch East Indies.

Champions Italy were thought by manager Pozzo to have a stronger side than in 1934.

Only Meazza and Ferrari survived from that team, and between them Schiavio had been replaced by the powerful Silvio Piola.

A much-changed Hungary, conquerors of Czechoslovakia by 8-3 the previous September, had an inform Sarosi getting good support from the young inside-left Szengeller.

Planicka, Kostalek, Nejedly, and Puc survived from the Czechoslovak side of 1934, and they were well fancied, but Germany, now under Sepp Herberger, were smarting from the 6-3 defeat by England in Berlin only a few weeks before — their first loss in 15 matches.

The straight elimination system was again employed, but after England had refused a generous offer to take Austria's place, Sweden won a bye through to the quarter-finals.

The first round was close fought, with two matches requiring replays and three being decided in extra-time.

Three fancied countries were extended to extra-time by less endowed sides.

At Le Havre, Czechoslovakia were perhaps lucky that the Dutch lacked their leading scorer Bakhuijs; Italy were almost upset by gallant Norway at Marseille; and Poland really surprised Brazil, South America's sole representatives, in a remarkable game at Strasbourg.

Brazil, with six players winning their first cap, took a 3-1 half-time lead, but at the end of 90 minutes Poland had pulled back to 4-4.

In extra-time both Leonidas and Ernest Willimowski took their personal tallies to four goals each, but another by Romeu proved decisive: 6-5.

Two matches went to a replay.

Germany, now fielding four Austrians, were held 1-1 by the Swiss, and in the replay Switzerland came back from 2-0 down to win 4-2 against a side with six new players.

The greatest surprise of the round was Cuba's elimination of Romania in Toulouse, 2-1 after a 3-3 draw.

In the quarter-finals, Italy, with three changes, looked more like champions in beating France 3-1 in front of 58,000 at the Stade Colombes.

Delfour and Mattler were playing in their third World Cup for France but it was Piola, with two goals, who stole the limelight.

Sweden aligned freshness with experience to end the Cuban dream 8-0 at Antibes, with Gustav Wetterstroem accounting for half the score.

At the new municipal stadium in Bordeaux, Czechoslovakia took on Brazil in what proved to be the one large blot on the 1938 copybook.

Two Brazilians and a Czechoslovakian were sent off by referee von Hertzka, while Planicka (broken arm) and Nejedly (broken leg) ended in hospital — the latter after he had equalised Leonidas' goal from a penalty.

The match finished at 1-1 after extra-time.

The replay, under M. Capdeville of France, was remarkably well tempered, with only seven players remaining from the first encounter.

Leonidas, one of the two surviving Brazilians, and Roberto erased Kopecky's half-time lead.

For the semi-final against Italy at Marseille two days later, Brazil unaccountably omitted Leonidas and Tim, and paid the price.

In the other game, Hungary exposed Sweden 5-1 at Paris' Colombes Stadium.

The final, watched by 65,000 at Colombes on June 19, was a good one, the Italians playing with speed and energy, the Hungarians with grace and precision.

Colaussi, for the third successive match, put Italy ahead, but a tremendous cheer went up when Titkos equalised less than a minute later.

Meazza, given too much space, then made two goals — one for Piola and a second for Colaussi — and the holders went in 3-1 up at half-time.

Sarosi scrambled one in after the break to raise hopes of a revival, but Piola restored the two-goal difference and Italy had retained the trophy.

The triumph that Benito Mussolini's political order had demanded had been fulfilled.

Brazil's Leonidas, the leading goalscorer of the 1938 World Cup finals.

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Around the globe

Compiled by LOU GAUTIER

- **Zico, in this his last season as a player, has been awarded the "Bola de Prata" award by the Brazilian magazine PLACAR. The award honours those Brazilians considered by the publication to be truly world-class.**
- Ponte Preta and Ferrovario Ituano have filled the top two spots in Sao Paulo state's 'B' Division and will play in the Sao Paulo State League this year.
- **Flamengo's talented Brazilian international defender Leandro is out of action for at least six months after being seriously injured in a car smash.**
- Predrag Mijatovic has been transferred from Buducnost Titograd to Partizan Belgrade for $400,000. Mijatovic, 22, is rated by Yugoslav national team coach Ivica Osim as one of the country's top prospects.
- **Swedish ace Mats Magnusson is the hot favourite to win this season's European "Golden Boot" award as the continent's top league scorer. At only the half-way mark of the Portuguese competition, he has already scored 20 goals for Benfica.**
- Jan Kocek has resigned as president of the Czechoslovakian FA. His replacement is Vaclav Jira, a former UEFA vice-president.
- **Crack Austrian coach Ernst Happel has renewed his contract with champion club FC Tyrol Innsbruck. He will remain at the helm until 1992.**
- Jean-Mare Guillou, a former French international midfielder, is the new president of Mulhouse, Eddie Krncevic's club.
- **Nelsinho, who coached Vasco de Gama to the final of the recently concluded Brazilian National League, has been appointed coach of Brazil's under 17 and 20 national teams.**
- The following national associations have been suspended for not fulfilling their financial obligations to FIFA: Antigua, Guinea, Guyana, Laos, Panama, Puerto Rico, Sao Tome e Principe, St Lucia, St Vincent, Vietnam and Grenada.
- **Chinese Taipai (Taiwan) have been readmitted to the Asian Football Confederation. Consequently, they will no longer compete in the Oceania zone in official competitions.**
- Polish soccer international Krysztof Budka has signed a contract to play for Belgian First Division club Beveren until the end of the season. The 31-year-old Legia Warsaw defender will join his former teammate, striker Marek Kusto, currently starring for Beveren. The club took an option for next season should Budka prove successful.
- **The Hungarian Federation has replaced coach Bertalan Bicskei with former coach Kalman Meszoly. Meszoly, now coaching First Division Vasas, coached the national team during the early eighties.**
- Lev Yashin, the legendary Soviet goalkeeper, is undergoing therapy in Israel after the amputation of his left leg.
- **The giant South Korean multinational, Samsung, will sponsor Polish team Ruch Chorzow next season — a first for Polish football.**
- Bayer Uerdingen have paid $400,000 for Hannover 96's under 21 West German international striker Siegfried Reich.
- **Francesc Miro Sans, who was Barcelona's president between 1953 and 1961, died while watching his club lose to Anderlecht in the second round of the Cup-Winners' Cup final — on television.**

Monaco's French international midfielder Marcel Dib in action. His team has drawn Valladolid, of Spain, in the quarter-finals of the European Cup-Winners' Cup.

Anti-hooligan get-together

BRITISH and Dutch police have held their first formal meeting with the Sardinian authorities to discuss a joint anti-hooligan strategy before the World Cup finals in Italy in June.

The three countries' soccer federations have expressed concern about the security problems created by England and Holland being drawn in the same qualifying group in the finals.

A Sardinian police spokesman said the meeting was primarily to establish contacts among the three police forces, but it was agreed that a special unit be set up at Cagliari police headquarters to liaise with British and Dutch anti-hooligan squads.

British and Dutch soccer officials met soon after the World Cup draw in early December and pledged to fight the hooligan problem together.

Sardinian police are expected to put into effect a massive security operation on June 16, the day England play Holland in Cagliari.

Sardinian police have already said they intended to take a tough line with soccer troublemakers and would expel them from the island at the first sign of violence.

GEORGHE HAGI

ROMANIA TO SELL TWO STEAUA BUCHAREST STARS

ROMANIA's new government plans to sell two soccer stars to foreign clubs to raise money for sports facilities.

Sports minister Mircea Angelescu said that midfielder Gheorghe Hagi and striker Marius Lacatus would be sold after the World Cup in Italy.

The pair, currently with the army team Steua Bucharest, the Romanian champions, are highly-rated members of the national side which meets Argentina, the Soviet Union and Cameroun in the first phase of the World Cup in June.

Angelescu said a national salvation plan for sport had been drawn up aimed at introducing fully professional structures in soccer and basketball and allowing sport to remain free of political interference.

There have been grumblings in Romanian sporting circles that little had changed since the ouster of dictator Nicolea Ceaucescu.

Critics have charged the same structures are still in place and that most of the soccer officials who kowtowed to the late dictator still held top positions at national and club levels.

Diego Maradona has the world at his feet ... Napoli's Argentine superstar was voted "Footballer of the Decade" by 79 soccer publications in the world.

East German teams may join Bundesliga

AN East German soccer official has proposed that three East German teams join the West German Bundesliga as an interim step toward creating a joint league.

The West German mass-circulation newspaper BILD said the proposal came from Alfons Saupe, president of East German champion Dynamo Dresden.

Saupe proposed that three top East German teams would play in the West German National League for three years as a "temporary solution" until the creation of a joint league, BILD said.

Saupe and Dynamo Dresden manager Bernd Kiessling held talks in Stuttgart with Gerhard Mayer-Vorfelder, chairman of the league committee of the West German Federation.

The two Dresden officials and Mayer-Vorfelder discussed Saupe's proposal but no decision has been made, according to a statement from VfB Stuttgart club, of which Mayer-Vorfelder is the chairman.

East German Federation spokesman Joerg Neubauer told reporters in East Berlin Saupe's proposal was an old one and that it was too early for the plan to be discussed in detail.

Saupe told BILD that East German soccer clubs needed to play in the Bundesliga to gain experience and raise the level of East German soccer.

FRANTISEK STRAKA, a key player for Czechoslovakia, is likely to join Holland's Feyenoord after the World Cup.

According to John Aldridge:

English fans are being victimised

The sad face of English soccer is illustrated in this impressive floral tribute at Anfield Stadium for the Liverpool victims of the Sheffield disaster.

JOHN Aldridge believes England fans are in danger of being victimised by the Sardinian police in June.

The Republic of Ireland and Real Sociedad striker is convinced that the threat to peace at the World Cup will come from the Dutch hooligans and not the English.

And Aldo, Liverpool-born and bred, claims the English get a raw deal whenever they travel abroad.

"I have friends who used to travel as fans with Liverpool and they still go abroad with England to places such as Sweden and Poland," he said.

"It is the same wherever they go. The English fans get picked on, even when they are the ones who have been intimidated.

"England's supporters are in a no-win situation. They can't just lie down and get battered. They can't just stand there and get cut to pieces when people throw things at them.

"But when the English fans defend themselves, it is headline news all around the world. You don't hear so much when fans from other parts of the world misbehave.

"When I was sent-off playing for Sociedad, the fans here went crackers. They were throwing wine bottles at the referee and one missile hit him and knocked him out.

"How often does that happen in England? Recently I heard on cable TV that a Colombian referee had been shot dead and in Holland they have been throwing bombs in the crowd.

"That sort of thing puts any misbehaviour by English fans sharply into perspective.

"I believe the Sardinian police should be looking out for the Dutch because they are likely to be the ones who start any trouble, not the English.

"But if the England fans are not careful then they will get the blame. I don't want to see the English fans victimised and I just hope they get a fair deal.

"There has never been any trouble, for example, between the Irish and English fans and I'm sure there won't be a problem on that score."

BAD NEWS FOR THON

BAD news for Bayern Munich and West Germany.

Midfield star Olaf Thon had barely recovered from a nine-week lay-off with ligament trouble when he tore another ligament warming up before a 3-1 win over Homburg on his return to the team.

Derek Mountfield raises his arm in jubilation after scoring his seventh goal of the season to put Aston Villa on the road to a 2-0 win over Charlton Athletic in the English First Division.

Thys' "no" to South Korea

GUY Thys, the veteran Belgian who retired as national team boss six months ago, has turned down an offer to coach the South Korean World Cup despite a big cash offer.

Thys was offered *$520,000 for six months'* work.

He says: "I was offered double of what I would earn in a year at a top Belgian club.

"But I have a nominal contract with the *Belgian FA until* 1991 and that's enough.

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